

Castles and Medieval Britain

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas Break in which you have been able to relax, spend time with families and loved ones and share the joy of Christmas time. For the New Year, and new term, we are starting a new topic... Castles and Medieval Britain. In the Spring Term, we will be leaving the Vikings behind and moving nearly 100 years forward in time to the Medieval Era.



Please read the Holistic Plan to find out about all the exciting things we will be exploring during the Spring Term.

Please take a look at the rest of our Newsletter which provides key information about our rhythms and routines in Year 4. Although much of the information is just a reminder, there are a few key changes – days for PE, school email, times table test and Music.

Our Year 4 Team

Miss Holland will support teaching and learning in Year 4 this term. She will work with us from Monday to Thursday each morning. Mrs Pointon will also be supporting our learning in Year 4 on a Tuesday. Finally, Mrs Jenkins and Miss Holland will support Year 4 on a Wednesday afternoon.

Class Email

Our new class email address is year4@wybunburydelves.co.uk

Please be aware that this is a new email which was set up last term. Any emails sent to our old addresses will not be read. School ask that you are respectful in how and when you make contact with your child's teacher. If you are a late night/weekend emailer, please schedule send the email to arrive the next working day between 8:30am-4pm. The teachers will only be checking emails during term-time and school hours; we are not expected to be making daily checks of our emails as our priority is teaching the children. Please allow up to 2 working days for a response. Anything urgent, please telephone the school office during school hours and they will pass on a message that you need to get in touch.

Key Dates

Wednesday 12th January – Bike Ability

Thursday 10th February – Year 4 Theme Day

Our new timetable

	KS2
8:40-8:50am	Maths starter
8:50am-9:00am	Registration
9:00am-9:30am	Reading – Reading aloud or reading comprehension
9:30am-10:30am	Maths
10:30am-10:45am	SpaG or Spelling Activities
10:45am-11am	Break
11am-12pm	English
12pm-1pm	Lunchtime
12:55pm	Line up and come inside
1pm	Foundation subjects
2:05-2:10pm	Daily Mile
3pm	Worship
3:15pm	Class story
3:25pm	Collection Time

Homework

Homework will continue to be set each Friday. I encourage you to complete all your homework fully and on time. I use homework to consolidate your learning and to enable you to prepare for a new week. Homework will be checked and re-visited each week. Maths.co.uk, or Power Maths, or Spag.com online homework will be set every week. If you are unable to complete these tasks at home, or if you need support, please let me know and I will arrange for you to complete them in school. **Regular reading** at home and **times tables practice** will also be included in your weekly homework - TT Rockstars continues to be a successful way to practice your times tables.

Reading

Regular reading out loud at home will continue to be included in your weekly homework. Please could you record each read by filling in each box in your reading diary. Remember to fill in the comment box as I like to read about your thoughts on your book. Our two-week rolling programme will be in place. This means that you will read with an adult each fortnight in Year 4. Remember, we also have our new Year 4 reading challenge which includes lots of great books which are waiting to be read. Research states that if you read for 20 minutes a day at home, you will hear 1.8 million words every year. Amazing!

PE

Our PE lessons this term will take place on a Wednesday afternoon this term and will be taught by Mrs Jenkins. Year 4 will also have Sportscape PE lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. Children are asked to come into school in their PE kits on the days that it is being taught. If there is a change to the day that PE will be taught that week, you will receive an email to notify you. Children's PE kits should consist of a Wybunbury Delves blue PE top or plain white t-shirt with no logos or prints, black shorts, white or black trainers, black tracksuit / joggers (essential for PE during winter months) and a Wybunbury Delves black PE hoodie. We will also be continuing with the Daily Mile so please ensure you have trainers in school to change into.

Music

Year 4 will be participating in a brass instrument lesson provided by Music For Life. You will all be learning how to play a musical instrument for free! I think this is an amazing experience and I can't wait for you to start learning. You will all be learning how to play a brass instrument. Each of you is going to be given your own instrument at the start of the term.

Year 4 Times Table Check

Throughout the Autumn Term, Year 4 have been taking part in Times Table tests and activities. The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a key stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4 (in June). The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 5 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. As a school, we are continuing to support the learning of Times Tables. We also ask that you do the same at home. Please continue your support your child to learn their Times Tables and access TimesTable Rockstars as much as possible.

I am really looking to continuing our Year 4 journey and seeing what this term has in store for us all. I want to thank you all for your continued support in Year 4.

Miss Welch