



Our Year 4 Classroom News

Autumn Term Information

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Welcome

Hello and welcome to all of our new Year 4 children and parents. We are so pleased to be back at school having been away for such a long time. Thank you for all your support with home learning. We are very excited and looking forward to what is sure to be another fantastic year filled with opportunities for learning and making new friends!

We kick-start Year 4 with our Autumn term topic called **The Stuarts** where we will be exploring the world of British history from 1603 – 1714.

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Our Topic

Over the course of the Autumn term, we will explore History and find the answers to these exciting learning questions:

- What is the importance of the union of crowns? How were Elizabeth I and James VI linked to each other? Can we sequence those moments in chronological order?
- What can we learn from James I's belief in the 'Divine Right of Kings'?
- Why did the Gunpowder plotters try to blow up parliament?
- Can we describe Charles I and find similarities with him and James I?
- Who knows what 'Eleven Years of Tyranny' means? What happened during that period?
- How did Charles I's disastrous reign lead to the Civil War?
- Who were the different sides during the Civil War?
- How did Britain become a 'Commonwealth'?
- Who was Oliver Cromwell?

In English, we will be writing character descriptions, diary entries and newspaper reports and performing poems that we have read and love.

In Maths, we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as measures (learning about length and perimeter).

In Science, we will learn about sound, including how it is made, how it travels, thinking about sound vibrations and we will explore making sounds on a range of objects that aren't instruments.

Things to Remember

PE

Due to social distancing and government guidelines, PE times will have to be flexible. Therefore, PE kits must be brought into school on Monday's and taken home on Friday's, then washed.

Homework

- **Reading Journals** – You must read everyday for twenty minutes and also complete one reading journal entry per week. This needs to be completed and handed in by **Tuesday** each week.
- Every week the children will complete a **times table and spelling task** in their workbooks.
- **History** – Design a project linked to our topic. You may choose any element of Stuart history that interests you to focus on. Speak to us if you need some ideas or suggestions.

Important Dates



Launch day: Wednesday 16th September
(We are not dressing up)

- Meet the teacher sessions will not be taking place in school. Further information will follow.
- Trips will not be taking place in Autumn term however we will be ensuring we make the most of online opportunities.