

Hunmanby Primary School Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you have all had a great summer and that your children have enjoyed getting back into their routines. Please find below an overview of our term.

History and geography

We will start the school year with a history project called 'Invasion'. This project teaches children about life in Britain after the Roman withdrawal. Children will learn about Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions up to the Norman conquest. In geography, our topic is 'Interconnected Worlds' and the children will gather data from maps and surveys before drawing conclusions.



English and maths

We are starting a new whole school approach to writing called 'The Write Stuff'. We will be looking at adventure stories using The Journey by Aaron Becker, explanation texts, Norse Myths and newspaper reports. Our first topic in maths is place value and we will explore 4-digit numbers. We will then learn about column addition and subtraction, using our prior knowledge of these to help us solve more complex equations. After half term, we will learn about length and perimeter. We will finish the term with multiplication and division.

We will have a weekly focus on our times tables and will be using TTRS to support our instant recall.

Science and computing

In science, we will be learning about food and the digestive system. Our second topic is sound, and children will learn about how sounds are made and travel as vibrations through a medium to the ear. Our first computing topic this year will be focussing on computing systems and networks.

Art and D&T

Our first art project is 'contrast and complement' and this project teaches children about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. Our second project is 'Warp and Weft', and we will learn about the artform of weaving and how it has developed over time. Our D&T topic this term is 'Fresh Food, Good Food' and this project teaches children about food decay and preservation. They will discover key inventions in food preservation and packaging, and then make examples.

PSHE, French and RE

This half term in PSHE, we will begin with 'families and relationships'. In French, our topics are 'Les Monstres' and 'Le Calendrier des fêtes'. In RE, we will be focussing on what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today.

PE

Mr. Ellis will continue to work with us this year and will be in every Monday. The children will need to arrive at school wearing their PE kit. **Please note that the PE kit should be a white t-shirt and black shorts for inside, with dark coloured**

joggers and a sports sweatshirt (no hood) for outside when the weather requires. We will be outside wherever possible so please dress accordingly in line with the information on our school brochure (located on our website). We will begin the year with tag rugby followed by dance after half term. Year 4 will start swimming near the end of the autumn term and more information will be given about this nearer the time.

Music – Our first music unit is ‘Mamma Mia’. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with the well-known song ‘Mamma Mia’, children will listen and appraise more ABBA hits. We will then learn about the glockenspiel and learn basic instrumental skills by playing tunes in varying styles.



Daily Mile

The Daily Mile continues in KS2! The initiative improves the physical and mental health of children and the children here at Hunmanby love it! It's a social activity where the children run or jog, at their own pace, for 15 minutes every day and it improves focus in the classroom.

Homework The children will receive homework **every Friday** which must be handed in by the following **Wednesday**.

Spellings: The children will be given weekly spellings and one other task. Spellings books will be sent out on a Monday and assessed on a Friday. We ask that you sign the spelling book in acknowledgement of seeing/helping them practise. I will also carry out mini times table tests, so I hope that children will practice their times tables at home (rewards will be given for doing so).

Reading: In Year 4, we request that children read at home a **minimum of 3 times per week**. Your child's reading record should be signed and dated so we know they have done this. Children who read regularly will receive class rewards, so it would be great to have your support in this too because reading is so important.



Each Friday the children will select a book from our reading corner to bring home to read for pleasure. The books are to be in school every Friday when they can opt to either swap or keep their book.

We will be continuing to use our ‘Reading Rainbow’ this term. For every 5 days a child reads, they move along on the rainbow. There will be rewards in relation to this.

Class Dojo

Dojo is our main reward system; we will continue to award bronze, silver and gold certificates as Dojo points build and some children may even reach platinum by the end of the year.

Mrs. Owen will support the class this term each morning and for 2 afternoons per week. My planning afternoon is on a Tuesday and therefore I will not be in class. If you have any questions or concerns, please send me a message via Dojo or try to catch me on the playground before or after school.

Thanks,
Miss Butcher