



## Autumn 2023

## Welcome to Year 4's Newsletter

We would like to begin our newsletter by saying 'Welcome Back' to Salisbury Primary School and we hope you have had a lovely break. We have an exciting term ahead with lots of activities going on in school, as we move towards the December holiday.

### English

During the Summer term, children will be writing for a range of purposes. We will be focusing on two texts.

#### **Autumn 1 – The Mousehole Cat**

The dramatic and moving Cornish tale of Mowzer, the cat, and Tom, the old Fisherman, who brave the fury of the Great Storm Cat to try and save their village.

#### **Autumn 2 – Arthur and the Golden Rope**

Buried amongst the treasures in Professor Brownstone's vault, lies a humble collection of books. Filled with legendary stories from his ancestors, they tell of fearless fighters and unlikely heroes. Arthur journeys to the land of the Vikings to a place filled with magical objects and powerful gods.

### Reading

Children will be focusing on a variety of texts such as themed fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts with questions to support the development of comprehension in-line with the national curriculum's reading domains. Please encourage when possible your children to login to Bug Club to access a wide variety of books, grammar and spelling games and also record any home reading in your child's planner.

### Maths

We will be continuing to use the 'mastery maths' approach at Salisbury called 'Power Maths', that is designed to enable children to acquire a deep, long-term, secure and adaptable understanding of mathematics. In the Autumn term, we will be covering place value, addition and subtraction,

### Spelling

Your child will be provided homework, each Friday which will include their spellings for that week. These will be assessed each week so please encourage your child to practise, both reading and writing them at home.

### History – Who is in charge now?

In this History-led unit, children will learn of the key events of how the Anglo Saxons saw off the Viking threat and how Great King Alfred really was. Children will also be investigating if the Dark ages were really dark!

### Geography – Why do so many people live in megacities?



In Geography, we will be exploring Reading and interpreting maps of the World. We will also be comparing the population of the megacities of the world.

### Design Technology:

Children will be focusing on seasonal food. Children will have the opportunity to participate in food lessons and will be cutting, slicing, chopping and peeling different types of fruit and vegetables before finally cooking with them

### Art – Viking art

Our Art topic this half-term is Viking art. Children will take part in exploring the key elements and features of Viking art. They will do this through a range of artist approaches such as using pastels, painting and sketching.

### Science:

Our science topics this term are:

### Computing:

This term in computing, children will begin to learn about online safety and coding. Through online safety, the children will learn how to stay safe online. Through coding, the children will explore creating characters and developing different skills in order to create a game at the end of the unit.

### PSHE:

In PSHE this term, the children will be exploring the topic Being Me in My World. This topic will allow children to explore and learn about their selves and what makes them unique.

### PE:

Year 4 will be taking part in orienteering. As part of this unit, we will be developing our map reading, team work and problem solving around the school field, forest area and playground. Later on in the term, Year 4 will be focusing on dance and will be performing a range of traditional Indian dances.

### **PE days are as follows:**

Monday PM

### **Swimming**

Friday AM (please bring swim kit in a separate bag)

### Reminder

ClassDojo is a fantastic way to communicate with your class teacher, find out about the things your child has been learning and look at the behaviour points they have received. If you have not activated your account, please let your class teacher know and a code will be sent to you.

### RE:

This term, we are going to explore Hinduism. This will include learning about what Hindus believe about God and how they pray. The children will also have the opportunity to investigate different Hindu artefacts.

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measure as well as multiplication and division.



**Times tables are absolutely crucial. We, as a school, use a programme called 'Times Tables Rockstars'. Can you please encourage your children to login and practise regularly at home.**

**Where does all that food go? -**

This topic **involves** identifying and understanding the digestive system and how our body breaks down food as well as looking at types of human and animal teeth and recognising the job each does.

**Who Am I?** – During this topic, pupils will be classifying and sorting vertebrates and invertebrates using their key characteristics and looking at different habitats.

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