



Welcome to Y4

The children in Y4 have made a very pleasing start to the year. This year our curriculum has undergone considerable change as we move towards a thematic approach. "Everything is always changing from one state to another. This happens to everything and everyone". This being our initial enquiry, the children have explored the Celts and Romans, their settlements and how life changed in Britain during this time. They will go on to make comparisons with settlements in modern times as well as looking at other changes all around us and on a global scale.

Our enquiry will culminate through an investigation into climate change and using sustainable materials. The children will have a go at writing persuasively to encourage others to make a positive change that benefits the wider world.

Number work this half term will focus on rounding 4 digit numbers to the nearest 10,100 and 1,000 and applying these concepts to problem solving. Times table zappers and spelling zappers will be sent home regularly to support our ambition for all Y4 children to know their times tables by the end of the year as well as the national curriculum words on the lists sent home previously.

"If children can't say it, they can't write it". We will be focusing on retelling a traditional story with complex grammatical structures. Once the children can say the story by heart, they will write it. Once both the sentence structures and ambitious vocabulary are mastered, they will innovate the story by retaining the plot and structure but making changes to suit our historical context. Keep checking the website to see performances of the story and watch as it develops to become a historical narrative.

The Y4 team look forward to meeting you at our informal 'meet the teacher' afternoon and throughout the year where we welcome your continued support and involvement.

Best Wishes,

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