

## Class 4 Summer Newsletter 2024

Welcome back to longer, warmer days and a jam-packed Summer term! We have so many fabulous activities planned for you all... residentials, sporting activities, visitors... read on to find out more!

### History

This half term we will be learning all about the Anglo Saxons and what life was like for them. We will explore what it means to be an archaeologist, learn about Sutton Hoo and find out about why the Anglo Saxons came to settle in England... and why they left! We will be finishing our learning with a fantastic collection of learning activities which will stretch across the day... more information will follow.



### Geography

This term we will be thinking about the question, 'Why is it important to study Cumbrian rivers?' Through our unit, we will complete the following activities:

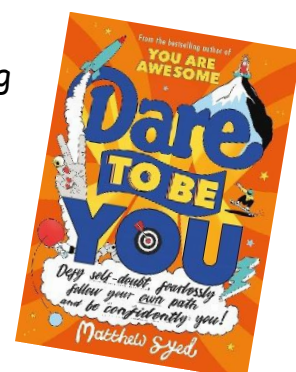


- Explore our local river (The River Irthing) and think about where it begins and ends, which towns and cities it passes through and what economic activity links to the river.
- We will visit a spot along the river to complete some fieldwork activities. These will include observational drawings and maps, sampling the water, measuring its speed and depth and analysing the changes that have occurred over time.
- We will look at how flooding has affected our local area (including Carlisle). Through this, we will explore how it happened, whether we can help prevent it in the future and how floods impact the lives of the people it affects.

### English

In reading, to begin with, we will finish our current book Skellig. Following this, we will be working on a book called 'Dare to Be You'. I am so excited to read this book with Class 4- it is fantastic! A funny, motivational and inspiring book which will help to support our children with transitions into Year 6/Secondary School.

Our writing sessions begin with an exciting adventure story unit- this unit will grip the class as it will allow them to write fantasy stories which is a favourite across the children! Following this, we will dip our toes in speech writing, poetry and finish with an autobiography to finish the year!



## Maths

Year 5 will continue to learn about shape, measure and coordinates. Once these are secured, we will spend time revisiting any areas which have been trickier so that we are full of confidence going into the summer!



Year 6 are beginning the term with lots of revision! We are revisiting many areas of learning to ensure our skills are sharp and we are confident and prepared for the KS2 SATs tests. After this, Year 6 will complete the 'renowned' Holiday maths challenge. Finally, we will continue to learn new skills and secure previously taught content to prepare for secondary school.

## Science

In our first half term, we are going to be concentrating on our science skills. Using a range of different experiments from biology, chemistry and physics, we will be looking at how we record our scientific findings, how we complete testing fairly, and much, much more! All the children will be able to complete different experiments to put all the things that they have learned this year into action!



In our second half term, we get to explore the exciting unit of Evolution and Inheritance. We will be focusing on how humans became the way we are now and understanding the information that fossils provide about living things and have it in the air for millions of years ago. Will also be recognising the offspring of different living things, and how they aren't identical to their parents. This is going to be a fun packed unit of science, which will create many questions and give the opportunity for lots of research.

## Computing

Moving to 3D modelling! In computing, we are learning all about 3D modelling. I shan't ruin the surprise, but we will be building various different items using 3D modelling programmes. You will need to know the names of your 3D shapes for this one!



## RE

In the first half term of RE, we will be focusing on the life of St. Paul and what happened after Pentecost. As a class we will be discovering how the news of Jesus's resurrection spread around the world. We will discuss the idea of mission and stories of Christian missionaries today and in the past. This will all feed into our understanding of the arrival and growth of Christianity and Britain.



## PSHE

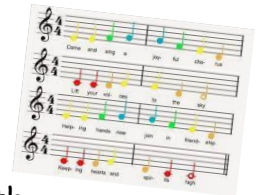
Our first half term in PSHE you will be to focus on 'Being our Best'. As a class we will be talking about how we are growing in independence and taking ownership of not only our own learning, but our lives in general. We will also be talking in great detail about how we keep ourselves healthy both physically and mentally; this will also include awareness of the media and how we navigate that safely. This will all be done whilst thinking about our community and how we can be our best in our community.



In summer two, we will be focusing on keeping safe. We will be looking at how we manage risk, including online risk, discussing the norms around using legal drugs and how we come to make positive decisions when it comes to our safety and the risks in our lives.

## Music

In this unit, we ask 'How Does Music Shape Our Way of Life?' as an entry point for the broad Social Theme of 'Music Is a Friend, Guide and Support'. This is relevant to learning topics such as identity, motivation, sports, courage, comfort, feelings, psychology, values, loneliness and friendship. As always, we will have lots of fun letting our creativity flow with the musical instruments and our voices!



## French

In French this term, Year 5 and 6 are learning about 'café culture' and typical French café food and drinks. They will be practicing ordering food and drinks and role playing being in a café. As part of the food theme they will be looking at typical French breakfast foods and creating menus too.



## PE

Our summer schedule for PE is jam-packed as usual! On a Thursday, we will be continuing to develop our cricket skills with Fraser, this will result in several matches on the cricket field in summer 2. On a Friday, Mrs Wilkinson will be teaching us athletics to develop our skills for sports day this year. Please remember to wear the appropriate clothing for these lessons, ensure hair is tied back and that you are not wearing jewellery.



## Art and Design

This half term, Class 4 will not be completing a full unit of art... however we couldn't possibly survive 6 weeks with no art at all! So, we have two fantastic afternoons planned in.



The first is a bespoke painting session with Abby to develop our skills when painting in detail. We will look closely at still life and try to replicate what we see using painterly skills.

The second session is a fun opportunity to finalise out 'What makes Lanercost Unique' tiles which we created before Christmas. They have now been fired and are ready for painting before they are glazed and displayed in the entrance foyer.

### SATS

We can't avoid the elephant in the room any longer... SATs! Thankfully it is never as big or scary as it seems. The children are working incredibly hard towards their targets in school and already I couldn't be prouder of them! If you would like to support your child at home, please just let me know and I will be happy to recommend some resources which have been helpful in the past. We look forward to seeing our Year 6 parents on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April for our SATs information meeting.

### Dukes Barn

In the last week of term, we have our fabulous week-long residential to Dukes Barn for all of Class 4. We will be sending additional information about the trip home soon and a meeting will also be arranged to answer any questions you may have!

What an exciting term this is going to be... BRING IT ON!

Mrs Lawton

Class 4 Summer Term

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Monday	Register	Collective Worship	Reading/Spelling	Maths	Break	Writing	Lunch	Science and RE		Story time
Tuesday	Register	Collective Worship	Reading/Spelling	Maths	Break	Writing	Lunch	History/Geography and Music		Story time
Wednesday	Register	Collective Worship	Reading/Spelling	Maths	Break	Writing	Lunch	History/Geography/Art		Story time
Thursday	Register	Collective Worship	Reading/Spelling	Maths	Break	Writing	Lunch	PE, PSHE/C inside, Computing		Story time
Friday	Register	Collective Worship	Reading/Spelling	Maths	Break	Writing	Lunch	P.E, French and RE		Story Time

