



Crabtree Farm Primary School

Autumn Newsletter

Maid Marian and Little John

September 2024

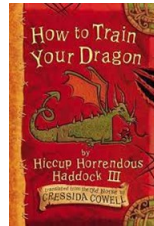
Year 4 Information

English

We will start our year off by reading *The Iron Man* and doing some descriptive writing. We will focus on recapping grammatical skills that the children are familiar with before introducing some new ones.

We will also be producing an informative piece of writing about the water cycle and pollution, linked to our geography topic.

After half term, we will be reading 'How to Train Your Dragon'. We will be incorporating the story into our lessons, including performing arts, as well as retelling a section of the story in first person for our written work.



Hello and welcome to Year 4!

We'd like to introduce ourselves. Miss Provines is the teacher in Maid Marian and Mr Jones is the teacher in Little John. We also have Mrs Ryan supporting us. Mrs Marshall is the Year 4 Senior Leader and will be teaching in Little John and Maid Marian on a Tuesday.

Geography

Our geography topic this term is 'What goes up must come down'. We will be looking at the water cycle and explain the aspects of it. We will look at water pollution and how drinking water is cleaned. We will also look at how flooding occurs.

History

Our history topic this term is all about the Vikings that came to invade and settle in the UK around 1000 years ago. We will look at the journey they made to get here, as well as how and why they invaded. We will also identify some of the cultural impact they had on our modern society. There are still words and names we use today that originate from the Vikings!

RE

In RE, we want our children to be able to ask questions and think about the beliefs of others, so that they understand the people in our community. Our first topic will look at the life milestones celebrated by different religions, as well as non-religious people. We will also look at different views on life-after-death (in a sensitive, educational manner).

Maths

This term, we are focusing on place value up to 4-digits and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). There is some consolidation of last year's learning to make sure children are confident using these skills to tackle more difficult problems.

We will continue to place a large emphasis on learning and recounting our times tables, up to 12x12. **It is very important that all children in Year 4 are confident with all times tables.** Year 4 children will take part in a national 'Multiplication Check' in June. We want to ensure that all children perform as well as they can, so we will be introducing additional times tables practice into our school day during this term.

As part of our learning, we will also be using TT Rockstars to support our times tables learning, as well as Mathletics. Both of these will be used to provide additional work as homework.



Diversity Calendar

This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar we will be learning about:

- International day of sign languages
- Black History Month
- Harvest Festival- Christian festival
- Diwali- Sikh and Hindu festival
- Armistice Day
- World Kindness Day
- Hanukkah- Jewish festival



Science

In autumn 1, we will be learning about animals including humans. We will look at the digestive system of humans, identify the different types of teeth we have and construct a variety of food chains including producers, predators and prey.

In autumn 2, our topic is Living Things and their Habitat. This will focus on classifying and grouping animals and the habitats they live in.

Reading Books

Your child will bring home a banded reading book and a free choice reading book. Please read with your child at **least 5 times a week**. When you sign their diary after reading, they will move up our class reading charts and earn badges as they go. It is very important that your child brings their reading books into school **every day** as we will be reading our books during the week.

Homework

Spellings will be handed out every **Monday**. These are to be practiced at home and then returned by **Friday** when they will have their spelling test.

Maths homework will be handed out every **Monday** to be returned by **Friday**. This will be based around the work that we are doing in class.

Children can also access all of the online programs at home, using the logins in their diaries. **If you have any issues accessing the online homework, please come and speak to one of the Year 4 team.**

Did you know...? Exercise helps the brain to function better!

P.E.

In autumn 1 half term, Year 4 will be swimming on a **Monday afternoon**. On these days, children can come to school in their school uniform with their swimming kit, consisting of a swimsuit or swimming shorts and a towel. On a **Thursday**, we will have a PE lesson with Mr Kiggins where the children will be learning how to develop their fundamental skills, please send your child in **black joggers, leggings, with their white school top**.

Dates for your diary

Autumn 1

17th September - Welcome meeting
Cancelled - Macmillan Coffee Morning

16th October - Harvest Festival

17th October – Firework Display

18th October – Last day of term.

Autumn 2

4th November – Children return to school

15th November – Children in Need

Moved to spring – Parent/carer Open Afternoon

2nd December – Christmas Jumper Day

4th December – Christmas Carol Concert

5th December - Christmas Fayre

10th December – Christmas Dinner Day

18th December – Winter Disco

20th December – Last day of term

School Trips and Experiences

Autumn 1:

Severn Trent Visit (free of charge)

St Mary's Church, Bulwell visit (free of charge)

Autumn 2:

University of Nottingham Anglo-Saxon Workshop (free of charge)

Relationship and Sex Education

In RSE, we will be looking at the human lifecycle. We will also be learning about body changes that happen when a child grows up.

Book recommendation:
Amazing You! By Gail Saltz



Questions and Issues

If you have any questions or issues with any aspect of your child's school life, please let us know. The best time to speak to Miss Provines, Mr Jones, Mrs Ryan or Mrs Marshall is at the end of the school day, when you can make an appointment to speak to them.