



**ROBSACK WOOD**  
PRIMARY  
ACADEMY



## Year 4 Newsletter

### Term 1

### Castles And Conflict



#### DATES

##### Meet the Teacher - Online

Tuesday 14th September  
Beech 3:45pm, Birch 4:00pm

##### Year 4 Assembly

Wednesday 13.10.21  
2:45pm Main Hall

##### Celebration Afternoon

Wednesday 20.10.2021  
2:45pm

##### End of Term Disco

Thursday 21.10.2021

##### INSET Day

Friday 22.10.2021

##### INSET Day

Monday 01.11.2021

##### Start of Term 2

Tuesday 02.11.2021

#### ENGLISH

This term's key text is 'Krindlekrax', a fast-paced, action-packed story. During term 1, the children will learn about narrative plot and explore how authors develop the characters in their books. The dilemmas faced by the characters in the story give the children meaningful opportunities to empathise and respond in role.

Destination Reader will focus on key reading skills throughout the term such as summarising, questioning and inferring using a variety of texts.

Spellings will be taught using the No Nonsense Spellings approach, which will be taught throughout the week supporting the children to identify rules and strategies that work for them.

#### MATHS

This term will begin with a focus on number and place value, exploring the place value of 4 digit numbers. This will include reading and writing numerals as well as calculating. Children will then progress to solving addition and subtraction number sentences using a range of mental and written methods. Reasoning and problem solving will be included in each lesson.

We will revisit year 3 times tables of 3,4 and 8 before progressing further.

Speedy maths will include mental maths, revising strategies learned so far.

Children will also have access to Mathletics to underpin their learning.

#### REMINDERS

Miss Aherne and Mrs Chatham (formerly Miss Baker) will be teaching in Birch class this year. Miss Charman will be teaching in Beech class this year. Mrs Hunt and Miss Webb will be supporting the year group. Miss Payne will also be teaching in Year 4.

##### **PE Kits:**

Children will need a PE kit in the academy every day which should consist of dark green shorts, a white plain t-shirt (or one with the logo) with trainers or plim-solls. Please ensure that everything is named. During the autumn months, Year 4 will complete some PE sessions outside, as well as some sessions in the school hall. Therefore the Children also have the option to wear tracksuit bottoms if they prefer, during colder weather. If you wish for your child to wear tracksuit bottoms when PE is outside, please ensure that they also have shorts in school for indoor PE.

#### History

This term's learning journey starts with 'Castles and Conflict'. The children will learn about The Battle of Hastings of 1066, who the previous king was, people who had a claim to the throne of England and why Harold was chosen. The children will then explore what happened when Harold met with William Duke of Normandy and how they prepared before the battle. The children will consolidate their learning by exploring the impact of the battle, and its outcome, on Britain today. As part of their Learning Journey topic, the children will also explore a rich vocabulary specific to their learning and explorations. Parents will be invited to celebrate their children's work at the end of Term 1 (see dates).

#### Computing

This term children will explore Online Safety before creating a class charter together. The children will also explore coding using Purple Mash.

#### Music

Children will explore pop music, looking at the band ABBA and their famous Mamma Mia song. As part of their exploration the children will develop their assessing skills, considering if they like or dislike certain types of music, and consider why this might be.

#### RE

This term children will be learning about the significance of Abraham within Judaism, exploring his life. They will also learn about the importance of Jerusalem to Jewish people.

#### The Evolution of Me

This term the children are going to be focusing on Respectful Relationships. Beginning with discussions surrounding the differences between people such as gender, race and faith, before moving on to explore the things we all have in common with one another and the importance of respecting the differences and similarities between everyone.

#### Reminders

School uniform should be comprised of :

Green sweatshirt / cardigan with academy logo

Green fleeces with academy logo

Yellow polo shirt with academy logo

Grey trousers / shorts / skirt / pinafore

Plain black shoes or trainers

Dark grey/ black/white socks Or black/dark green/dark grey tights

May we remind parents to please label all clothing so it can be returned if mislaid.

One pair of gold or silver stud earrings may be worn. No other jewellery is permitted.

