



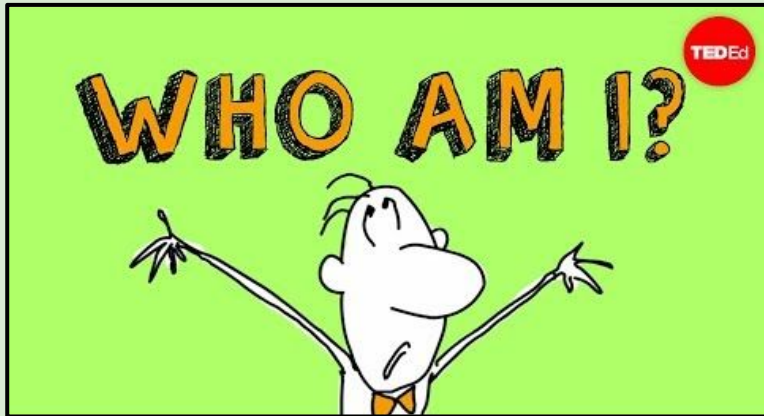
SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 4 Newsletter - Term 1

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The **BIG** question...



Ms. Newman, Ms. Chevis and Mrs. Baird would like to extend the biggest, warmest welcome to all the Year 4 students! We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break and that you are well rested and enthusiastic for a new school year.



By now, students will have become familiar with our school's Rainbow Rules and Core Values which they are encouraged to show at all times.

We have had a tremendous start to the school year with students showing high levels of behaviour and presentation that we hope will continue throughout the year.

English

In English we will be looking at persuasive writing, newspapers and information texts. We will be learning about the features used in these genres of writing and practising these to write our own. In handwriting we will look at making horizontal joins, the sizing of our letters and the spacing of our writing. In Spelling we will focus on common exception words and the prefix dis- and mis-.



Maths

In Maths we will be looking at place value, addition and subtraction. We will explore partitioning four digit numbers, Roman numerals and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Later in the term we will apply our place value learning to addition and subtraction of four digit numbers.



Science

This term the children will be learning about forces and magnets. They will be able to identify the different types of forces and magnets through group investigations. Students will also be able to explain how they work and how forces can be applied to everyday life.



History

Year 4 will travel back in time this term and explore how life looked from the period of the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will learn how people lived and evaluate famous structures such as Skara Brae and Stonehenge. Linking with maths, children will also learn how to sequence events in chronological order by creating timelines.



Religious Education

In RE children will be learning about the origins and features of the Hindu faith. They will learn about the different Gods and Goddesses that Hindus pray to and start to make comparisons between the practice of Hinduism and other religions.



Physical Education

Year 4 students are very active this term! During their indoor lesson, they will revisit gymnastics and practise how to create symmetrical and asymmetrical balances. In the outdoor PE lesson, students will be learning the tactics and strategies of tag rugby.



Computing

In term 1 students will learn how to collaborate together online. We will revisit Google Documents and practise how to use the features of this program to collaborate efficiently and creatively as a group.



Music

This term we will be listening, appraising and learning to sing the song Mamma Mia by ABBA. We will discuss their thoughts on the music, the instruments used and evaluate the music to enable students to form their own opinions.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)



Linking to the beginning of the school year, we will look at the concept of being a responsible citizen and what that means at school and at home. Children will also inquire into the UN Conventions for the Rights of the Child and learn how this impacts them and other children around the world.

Design and Technology



The students of 4B are doing D&T this term. During this time, they will be busy analysing and evaluating wallets and money containers. They will discuss how they are made and use their analysis to inspire their own creations. By the end of the term, students will have their own unique and creative wallet that they have designed and made.

Art

The students of 4C and 4N are doing art this term. They will be studying the impressionists and their techniques and the effect of light and shade on subject matter. They will use sketchbooks to record their knowledge and plan art works. They will then transfer this to create their own versions of Monet, Seurat and Cezanne masterpieces, but with a twist!

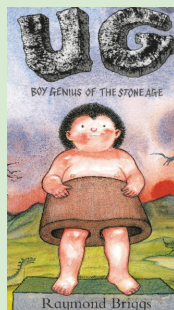
Speaking and Listening (talking points for you and your child at home)



- Black History Month (October)
- The United Nations - Children's rights and responsibilities
- What are the benefits of living in a multicultural society?
- What can we learn from the past?
- How do you think people lived during the Stone Age? How might they have learned?
- What small steps can you take to help you to achieve your goals for Year 4?

Recommended Reading for this term

- The Apollo Time Capsule by David MacPhail
- How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell
- UG Boy Genius of the Stone Age by Raymond Briggs



All of the books are available in your classroom library

Reminders and Important Dates

- [South Borough Primary School Dates Ahead 2021-2022 \(Version 1\)](#)



Home Learning



Google Classroom



Mathletics



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