



Year 4 Summer Term 5 Newsletter

April 2021



This term, Year 4's topic is **"Sounds Amazing"**. This will centre around Science, Music and English. Our P.E. sessions will continue to take place on **Monday** afternoons. A homework grid will be shared on Class Dojo so that children can engage in topic- based learning activities each week. Please ensure that your child submits this by the Thursday of each school week so that it can be shared and celebrated with the rest of the class. As an added bonus **Captain Chemistry** will be coming into Class 4 on May 11th to run a whole day of activities learning all about **the science of sound**.

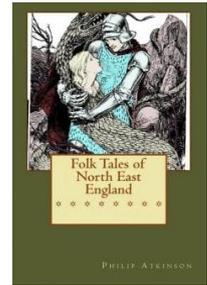


English

Our main book for the term will be **Folk-Tales of the North East of England** edited by Philip Atkinson, which contains a number of tales that have been passed down from generation to generation in the oral tradition. We will analyse them, use them as starting points for our own tales, and use them to inspire us in other areas of the curriculum.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Skills (SPaG)

The children will revise and develop their understanding of various grammar devices and learn how to incorporate them into their writing. We will continue to put a real emphasis on basic skills in writing and reading.



Maths

This term we will be improving our understanding of:

Decimals (*adding, subtracting, simplifying, finding equivalents, finding fractions of quantities, understanding tenths and hundredths, dividing by 10 and 100*).

Measurement of Money (*Pounds and pence, Ordering money, Estimating money, Convert pounds and pence, Add money, Subtract money, Find change, Four operations*)

Measurement of Time: (*Telling the time to 5 minutes, Telling the time to the minute, Using a.m. and p.m, 24-hour clock, Hours, minutes and seconds, Years, months, weeks and days, Analogue to digital – 12 hour, Analogue to digital – 24 hour*)

The class will have daily **basic skills** sessions to help them improve their mental maths ability.

In addition, children will continue to use **TT Rockstars and Doodle Maths / Doodle Tables** on a daily basis.

Please continue to support your child's learning by encouraging them to practice at home.



Art & DT

We will look at the design of a variety of musical instruments and design and make our own simple tuned or untuned musical instruments (linking to Science). We will also evaluate our designs.

RE and Humanities

Our key question this term is "What do Christians believe about God?" We will develop our knowledge of Christian belief in God, the meaning of life, life after death and how this affects how Christians feel and act. We will compare and contrast this to another principle religion's beliefs.

In **History** and **Geography** we will continue to study the Anglo-Saxon period in Britain before moving on to look at how the North East of England has been shaped by its folk-music and folk stories.

MFL

The children will learn some basic spoken and written classroom French.

Science / ICT

Our **Science** focus will focus on **Sound**. We will look at how the human ear works and gain an understanding of the physical processes that take place when a sound is made. We will carry out a number of investigations based upon questions we have asked.

In **ICT** the children will use simple software and online applications (such as Chrome Music Lab) to create and develop their understanding of musical "loops" and compositions.

Music and Dance

In **P.E.** our focus will be Striking and Fielding which will be taught in the context of zero-contact.

In **Music** we will listen to and appraise music from some of North East England's most famous musicians. We will compare the styles of music and learn more about the lives of the artists. We will also try to use our own instruments to accompany a piece of music.