

# Welcome to Year 4!

## English

This half term in English we will be studying fables and aiming to write our own, based on those we read, such as the Tortoise and the Hare. We will also be creating links with our topic as we will be writing poems using our senses based on our river walk down at Bradshaw Brook. Another link will be made with this walk as we write instructions showing how to build a raft, which we can then put into action on the river itself.

As always, regular reading is vital for children to make good progress with their reading skills and we recommend children read 3 times a week at home, with reading records being checked regularly in school.



## Numeracy

Our maths lessons will follow the structure of the National Curriculum, with a focus on place value, calculation skills and knowledge of shape.

It is important in Year 4 that children have a secure understanding of their times tables, right up to 12x12. Any help at home towards this would be hugely beneficial towards your child's progress.

## Topic

.Our topic for this half term is a study of rivers and mountains. We will be learning all about the different parts of rivers, famous mountains and rivers of the world and exploring a river for ourselves with a fascinating walk along Bradshaw Brook.

## Computing

This half term we will be looking at the importance of being e-Safe, something which will allow us to safely access our new class blog. This is something we will be looking for children to be accessing at home on a regular basis.

## Art and Design

This half term we will be studying the works of Picasso and creating our own pieces based on his style.



## Science

Our science work for the half term builds on what we learn in topic as we will be studying states of matter. We will explore different types of solid, liquid and gas before looking at each of their roles in the water cycle.

## PE

We will be following the 'Real PE' scheme, where the children learn about agility and co-ordination through team sports. This will then be worked into the games we play, which this term includes tag rugby.

## RE

Our learning this half term with Mrs Worrall will be based around the story of Joseph and what we can learn from the stories told of his life.

## Music

Children in Year 4 get the opportunity to begin to learn to a brass instrument. This happens on a Monday morning in 4B. 4C, who will have brass lessons next term, will be working with Mrs Worrall.

## French

This half term, we will be working once again with Madam Thierry, recapping our basic conversational skills in French.