



Autumn 2 2023

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic half term break. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school and start our new topics enthusiastically.

P.E

P.E has changed this half term to be on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure children come to school in their Sherwood track suit and have shorts available for our indoor sessions.

Homework

Homework is set every Friday, to be completed by the following Wednesday. Please ensure your children are completing any online activities as these are a crucial part of their learning.

If you have any further questions, please come and speak to Mr Billington or Miss Terrell, or email us at year4@sherwood.lancs.sch.uk

KEY KNOWLEDGE

In Science, Year 4 will be learning about Electricity. They will build simple circuits and explore insulators and conductors as well as designing and making their very night light.

In History, the children will continue to learn all about the Anglo Saxons and why they invaded Britain. We will be writing our own magazine article and learning about the significance of Alfred the Great.

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

We hope you are all enjoying reading 'Paws.' We certainly are!

This half term, Year 4 will be learning about the features of persuasive adverts and writing adverts for a new piece of Nessie hunting equipment. We will also be reading our new class novel *Rumaysa A Fairy Tale* and writing our own traditional story and poetry.

Please continue to hear your children read daily; it is vital for the children to have the opportunity to discuss the text and any unfamiliar vocabulary.

SPELLING FOCUS

rule/suffix	examples
Prefixes 'in-', 'il-', 'im-' and 'ir-'	inactive impolite irregular illegal
The i sound spelt y	myth crypt Egypt
'ay' sound spelt ei, eigh, ey, aigh	weight prey straight

KEY MATHS SKILLS

This half term the children will be developing their skills in the following maths units:

- Mental multiplication
- Mental division
- Written multiplication
- Written division
- Length and perimeter
- Statistics
- Time

Children will continue to receive weekly mental maths and arithmetic tests. Children will receive a range of homework based on the learning taking place within the classroom.

KEY VOCABULARY

insulator	a material or an object that does not easily allow electricity to pass through it
conductor	a material or an object that allows electricity to pass through it
cell	another word used to describe a battery in a circuit
circuit	a path in which electrons from a voltage or current source flow
component	the items within a circuit (wire, motor, bulb, buzzer)
Anglo Saxon	The period of time from the end of the Roman era to the Norman Conquest. (450 AD to 1066)
pagans	A person not adhering to a religion.
invasion	An instance of invading a country in a hostile manner