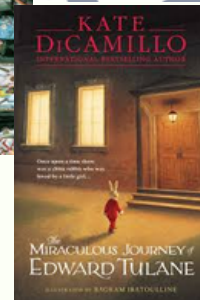
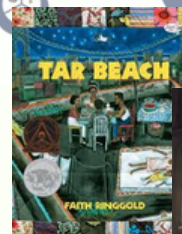


YEAR 4

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM...

VIKINGS & ANGLO SAXONS



Literacy

This half term, Year 4's literacy sessions will focus around the fiction book 'Tar Beach' by Faith Ringold. We will learn all about the use of persuasive language within a text and how to use extended noun phrases in the style of the author.

Our main areas of writing will be:

- persuasive letters
- playscripts
- narrative writing

During our reading sessions, we will be reading the book 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study for this half term will be:-

- partitioning three digit numbers.
- ordering numbers to a 1000.
- rounding to the nearest 1000.

Your child will continue developing their knowledge of the times tables. I would appreciate it if you could support their learning by practising their times tables at home. Our main focus this half term will be 3, 4 and 8 times table.

Science

In Science we will be focusing on the unit 'Teeth and Digestion'. We will be learning about the different types of teeth and how different animals eat. Children will be applying their skills to practical and interesting experiments to help develop their learning within Science.

RE/PSHE

In R.E. we will be focusing on the question, 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain?'
In our PSHE lessons, we will be learning all about 'Being me in my world' where we will discuss how to be a team player.

Music

In Music we will be researching the band 'Abba' and learning to sing their hit 'Mamma Mia'.

Computing

In computing we will begin learning about how to record data using a computer. We will also be discussing how to be safe online.

Art/DT

This half term we will focus on our Art unit called 'Contrast and Complement' where we will learn more about the colour wheel including making our own warm and cool tones. While in D&T we will be learning about the unit 'Fresh Food, Good Food'.

History/Geography

This term we will be focusing on our History unit called 'Invasion' where we will learn about the power struggle between the Vikings and Anglo Saxons and what effect that had in Britain. In Geography, we will be learning all about renewable energy and how countries around the world are fighting climate change. We will use photos, various sources, maps and technology to research these topics.

PE

Lessons will take place on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt, with a pair of trainers. Earrings need to be removed or covered with tape.

Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages or a chapter every night. Please discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record. Books need to be brought to school every day. All children are entered into the class reading challenge where they need to read at least 5 times a week.

Homework/Spellings

Spellings will be set on Mondays. Children will have a week to practise their spellings.

Children will also be set maths homework on a Friday. This will mostly relate to their times tables.

Please come and see me at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns, or email the school office at hello@stj.hlt.academy or call if it is urgent.