

Welcome to Welby Class!

We are very excited to have a new group of Year 4 's joining the three of us this year. The children are very lucky to have not one teacher but three teachers! We are sure it will be packed with fun activities, wonderful experiences and lots of learning.

This Autumn, our topic will be WWI, we will be acknowledging the commemoration of 100 years since WW1 as a class and joining the whole school for a variety of activities. 'Life in A Trench' will be central to our learning, we will learn WWI songs, learn about the role of animals on the front line, including our local hero Jimmy the Donkey. As always, we will have a class reading book that we will share together 'The Trenches' by Jim Eldridge, a wonderful story of friendship and the lives of soldiers in a WW1 trench.

During the Spring term, our topic will be The Bronze Age, we are excited to be going to Flag Fen to experience what life was like during this era. A WOW day is planned to immerse the children in the lives of Bronze Age tribesmen. The children will compare the lives of Bronze Age people and modern day. As a class, we will create our own settlement, with each class member having their own job! Our Class book will be an adventure book about a boy called Tenko who is a stranger to Skara Brae, 'The Boy with a Bronze Axe' by Kathleen Fidler.

The Summer term will see us learning about What the Romans did for us. Our WOW day will consist of going to Peterborough Museum and Italian Food tasting day. The Thieves Ostia by Caroline Lawrence will be our class book.

Our Maths lessons will start with working through the 4 operations learning and recapping how to add, subtract, divide and multiply mentally and using the formal written method. As the year progresses we will move onto fractions, measures and shape. We will be introducing Times Table Rockstars an exciting website to help all children to become Times Table Rock Heroes!

In Year 4 the children will have the chance to go to Kingswood, our fantastic 2 night residential on the North Norfolk coast. The children have the chance to participate in various outdoor activities and have fun with their friends.

Our Science will be learning about skeletons and diet, Rocks and Soils, Electricity and States of Matter.

As part of Year 4, the children will have 6 weeks of swimming and they will have 6 sessions of Forest School with Mrs Grange in the school paddock, where they will build on the skills they learnt in Year 3. The children will also continue to learn Italian through Art with Mrs Prezioso, and PE with Mr Clarke our Sports coach.

Useful information

Our teaching assistant is Mrs Dines

PE is on a Wednesday (this could change at any time so please ensure kits are in school every day). Please ensure kits are clearly named.

We encourage children to read regularly and children will receive house points for recording their reading in their reading record book. Now children are in KS2, they can do this independently, however, we would ask that you sign the reading record weekly to show that you have acknowledged your child has read. Children should bring their recording record book into school every day. Thank you. We will be introducing the Accelerated Reader Programme, the children will be expected to do a reading quiz when they finish their book.

Homework will be given out on Fridays and is due in on Thursdays. Please encourage your child to do the challenge questions set. If they wish, they may attend the weekly homework club to complete their homework.

Children will be lining up in the morning on the playground and will be going into the classroom to complete their morning activity at 8.40am. They will be collected from our classroom at 3 pm.

We are really looking forward to the new year we have planned.
Mrs Grange, Mrs Salerno and Miss Lees (Trainee Teacher)