

Y4

# Classroom News

*Avondale*  
Primary School



## Summer 1

We hope you have had a lovely, restful Easter break with your family. We had a brilliant Spring term and are now ready to begin the Summer term. Please regularly check our blog and Facebook page for updates. Our class page on the school website also has lots of links for extra support in various subjects as well.

Our year 4 blog on Purple Mash will also inform your child of their weekly spellings and homework tasks.

## Dates for your Diary

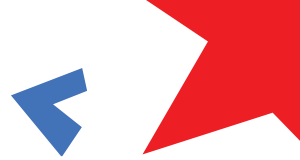
- Monday 22nd April – Earth Day
- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
- 10th June – Times Table test week
- Tuesday 18th June – Turton Tower trip
- Thursday 25th April – Class Photos (John Hunt Photography)
- Friday 26th April – Spring Reports to go home
- Thursday 2nd May – Class 4B Assembly (2.50pm start)

## Friendly Reminders

- Year 4 units are P.E – tennis and gymnastics. 4B will have P.E on Tuesdays and Thursdays until they go swimming.
- 4P swimming dates –
- 4B swimming dates –
- Library days for Year 4 are Wednesdays.
- Please remember to sign your child's reading book when they have read. They can change their book as soon as they have completed it. Please read with your child 5 times a week minimum. Reading diaries will be checked every Monday.
- Homework and spellings will be put on the blog on a Friday. HW needs to be completed by the following Friday. The children will be tested on their spellings on a Friday.



# What we are studying



## Maths

This half term in Maths we will be learning about decimals, money and time. We will also be continuing to develop our arithmetic skills daily.

We want to get those times tables and division facts conquered! We will continue to work on the trickier tables x6, x7, x8 and x9. The children need to have quick recall of all of their times tables by the end of year 4.

Early in Summer Term 2, your child will be taking the Multiplication Test Check. With this in mind, please continue to encourage your child to practice their times tables at home. It really does have an impact on their Maths learning and confidence when completing sound checks on TT Rockstars.

## English

In English, we will be looking at the features of newspaper reports and writing our own newspaper reports about the Tudors. We will also look at performing poems using our Oracy skills performing 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough.

We will continue to learn new spelling rules. Please encourage your child to learn their weekly spellings thoroughly as it enables the children to write with fluency rather than struggling with spellings. Spelling assignments will be put on Spelling Shed weekly to support your child in the learning of their spellings. We will also continue to learn the grammar objectives for year 4, encouraging the children to use them in their writing.

Our class novel will be 'Tudor Tangle' by Steven Vinacour.

## History

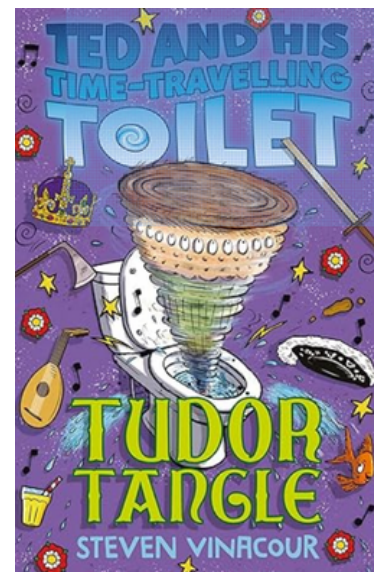
Our topic this term is called 'Terrible Tudors'. We will be learning all about Henry VIII and his wives and life in Tudor Times. Our learning will end with our trip to Turton Tower.

### Key Vocabulary:

chronology, order, House of Lancaster, House of York, War of Roses, Tudor Rose, Battle of Bosworth, Henry III, reign, monarch, divorce

Our PSHE theme is 'relationships'.

In Art we will be exploring art and design skills.



## Science

In Science, we will be continuing our topic of States of Matter during our Science lessons. We will investigate how some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. We will also look at the water cycle and discuss evaporation and condensation.

### Key Vocabulary:

heated, cooled, temperature, degrees Celsius, water cycle