

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

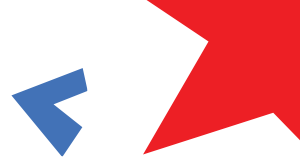
- Wednesday 15th April – Class Photographs
- Friday 24th April – School Reports sent out
- Monday 4th May – School closed for Bank Holiday
- W/C 11th May – Year 6 SATs
- Tuesday 12th May – Year 4 Trip to Turton Tower
- Friday 22nd May – School closes for Spring Bank Holiday
- Thursday 4th June – School re-opens after Spring Bank
- Monday 8th June – Parent's Drop in session 3.30 – 4pm.

Friendly Reminders

- 4P are doing Gymnastics and Tennis in their PE lessons on Monday and Tuesday.
- 4F will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons starting 29th April.
- 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.
- Spellings will be put on the blog on a 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 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

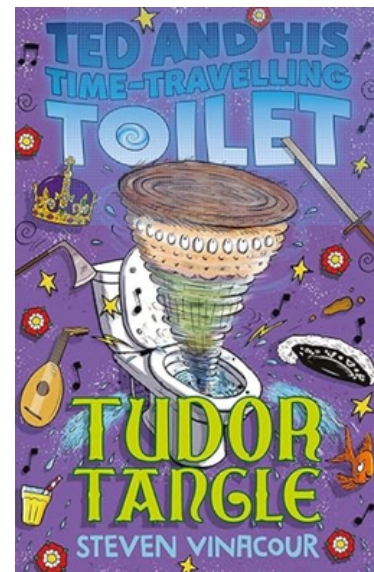
Our topic this term is called 'Terrible Tudors'. We will be learning all about Henry VIII and his wives and life in Tudor Times. Our learning will end with our trip to Turton Tower.

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 drawing skills and the skills of Hans Holbein.



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