

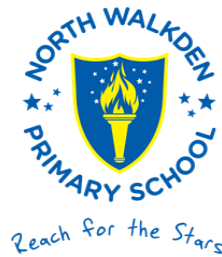
### Maths

In Maths this half term we will be looking at negative numbers being able to add and subtract crossing 0, place the numbers in ascending and descending order.

We also be looking at written forms of each of the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We will continue to learn and recite our times tables every day, this is really important and all children should be fluent in their recall of times tables and related division facts to 12x12.

Each week we will be focussing on a different times table to ensure all children are confident.



Year 4  
January -  
February  
2024

### English

Our English learning this half term focusses persuasive writing and narrative writing. Guided Reading sessions will continue to take place daily. This is where we practise and develop key reading skills. Within these reading lessons, we will be exploring the text 'Fortunately the milk'. These skills will be applied through the week in a range of different ways.

Grammar sessions will support our English learning, giving new knowledge that can be applied in our writing.

We ask that you continue to encourage your child to read at home as often as possible but at a minimum of three times a week and for you to comment in their Reading Record.

### Topic - Anglo-Saxons, Picts and Scots

- To study the archaeological evidence at Sutton Hoo.
- To find out who the Anglo-Saxons were and where they came from
- To find out who the Picts and Scots were and where they came from.
- To use a variety of sources to find out what life was like during Anglo-Saxon times

### Science - States of Matter

This half term we will be learning about states of matter, what the differences are between solids, liquids and gases. We will investigate how some materials can change states when we heat or cool them. We will learn what happens during the processes of evaporation and condensation.

**Music** - This half term, Year 4 will continue our Guitar lessons.  
**ART** - Our Art focus this half term focusses on structures and shapes. We will be sketching famous buildings.  
**French**- My family  
**R.E.** - What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?  
**Computing** - The children will focus on Computer Science. Exploring Logo/Hardware Investigators.  
**PE** - This half term Year 4 will be taking part in PE on **Monday** afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit. **Swimming** will take place until 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024.  
**PSHE** - Focus: Playing safe  
**School Core Value:** Independence

### General Reminders

**PE** - PE will take place every Monday afternoon. Please make sure your child comes to school in their full PE kit. This is a white top and black bottoms. No colourful jumpers or pants.

**Reading Books** - Please make sure children have their reading books and reading journals in school every day.

**Homework** - Homework will be given to take home every Friday and is to be handed back into school before the following Wednesday. It is important that you encourage and support your children with their homework, but please do not do it for them.

**Spellings** - Children will be given their new list of words to learn every Friday. These are put in their homework books. These may be personalised spellings, common exception words, Focus 5 or based on specific spelling rule.

**Times Tables** - It is imperative that children regularly practise their times tables. As part of their homework, children will bring home weekly times tables. We will have a weekly Times Table quiz every week. Weekly MTC tests will also now take place during the Spring term, to encourage the children's rapid recall of their times tables knowledge.

**Water bottles** - We encourage all children to bring in their own water bottle which they have access to throughout the day. Unless, discussed with the class teacher, this must be water. The children are welcomed to bring in a piece of fruit as a snack for their morning play. No other snacks are allowed.