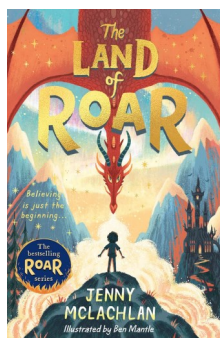


WELCOME BACK! LET'S GET YEAR 4 OFF TO A GREAT START!



This term we will be reading two fantastic class novels. In the first half term, we will read Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan. This story follows

Arthur and Rose as they rediscover their beloved imaginary world that they used to love to play in when they were younger. Roar was filled with things they loved – dragons, mermaids, ninja wizards and adventure – as well as things that scared them. This is one of my all time favourites and I cannot wait to read it with you all!

Next half term, we'll read Twitch by M.G. Leonard. M.G. Leonard is a brilliant author, who has written lots of other fab books that we have in school, such as Beetle Boy and the Adventures on a Train series. Twitch has three pet chickens, four pigeons, swallows nesting in his bedroom and a passion for birdwatching. On the first day of the summer holidays, he arrives at his secret hide to find police everywhere: a convicted robber has broken out of prison and is hiding in Aves Wood. Can Twitch use his talents for birdwatching to hunt for the dangerous prisoner and find the missing loot?



We hope you've all had a lovely summer break and you're refreshed and ready to get back to school. We can't wait to hear what you've all been up to and get started on everything we've got planned for this year. The staff working in Year 4 this year are Miss Gray and Miss Page. We will both be teaching the class throughout the year.

As always, please send us an email with any queries you may have. The Year 4 email address is: dtcyear4@tudhoecolliery.co.uk

Just a reminder about water bottles. As requested in the summer newsletter, please ensure school water bottles are a standard size/ shape bottle to fit into the bottle pockets on chairs pack. Last year, we saw lots of pupils with Stanley cups or teddy bear shaped bottles and there were lots of spillages/ breakages as they can't be properly stored – thank you for your support with this :)



Multiplication Tables Check

Times Tables: In Year 4, all pupils will take part in the Times Table Check at the start of June to make sure they know their times tables up to 12x12. This means knowing the answer instantly, rather than being able to figure them out or recite them in order.

Any work on times tables at home would be very helpful and greatly appreciated! This doesn't need to take a long time as little and often is best: quick fire tables in the car, or asking them to challenge you while you get your shoes on, or regularly logging in to TT Rockstars will all help. The website below is a useful way to practise times tables in a similar style to the check. This is not exactly what the check will look like, but the time allowed per question is accurate. Pupils have 6 seconds to answer each question.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Knowing times tables really does help with so many other areas of maths. Thanks for your support :)

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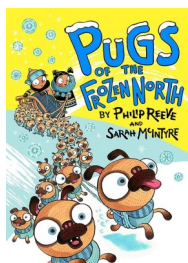
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Reading is so important for children and should be a joy. We love working with them to find books they'll love. We are so lucky in school to have a huge range of books to spark the interests of anyone. Reading at home and talking about what you're reading is a great way to foster a love of reading. This doesn't need to mean asking lots of questions.

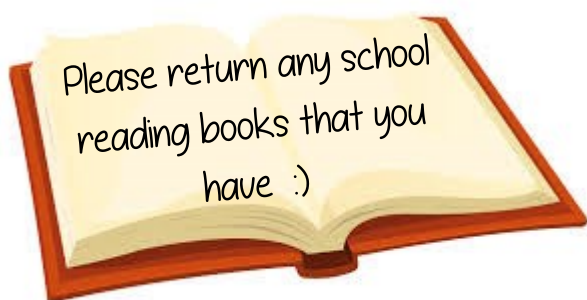
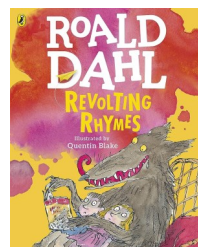
'If I could be friends with one character in this book it'd be ____'

'I wonder ____'

'Let's see if this author has written any other books'



What will you read next?



To prevent the inevitable pile of abandoned jumpers and cardigans, please ensure pupils' names are in everything.

PE Kit



Year 4 will have PE every week on Monday this half term. We are lucky enough to be having a gymnastics coach working with us on these days, so PE will be in the hall. Children should come to school every Monday in their PE kit. Please make sure earrings are removed or children are able to do this themselves.

Children will be encouraged to be as active as possible during playtimes, so suitable shoes should be worn everyday.

SWIMMING

Year 4 will be swimming every Thursday this term, starting Thursday 12th September. Children will need to bring a swimming costume/ trunks, a towel and a swimming hat. Children can wear goggles if they prefer, but they are not needed.



Shakespeare!

Our Shakespeare performance won't take place until Spring term, but we'll be doing lots of work on it in class this term.

Over the next few weeks, we'll familiarise ourselves with the story and begin to audition for parts. Chat at home about whether or not your child would like a part, or how they'd like to be involved. Not all children will have speaking parts, but they will all be part of the show :)



Spellings: Spelling words will be sent out each Monday to be returned the following Monday, ready for new words. Key words will also be added to SpellingShed throughout the term. Pupils will earn up to 2 minutes each week for their spelling homework. These minutes add up until Rewards Morning at the end of term when pupils can spend the time they've earned on our bouncy castle. These minutes are based on the effort put into homework, including presentation. Let's see how many of you earn the full possible time!