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TUDHOE COLLIERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

NEWSLETTER

School

WELCOME

I hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready to get back to some new and exciting challenges in Year 4! As you know, I'll be teaching you in Year 4 alongside Miss Freeman and Mrs Sheldon. This year, our first history topic is Anglo-Saxons and Vikings! This is a perfect topic for Year 4 to start with as you covered the history topic, Stone Age to Romans last year. This is because this period of history happened just after. Our RE topic of Northern Saints also matches up well as we look at Saints who were around at the same time as the Anglo-Saxons. We will then move onto Geography where the topic is Counties. Additionally, if you have any items or knowledge relevant to these topics, please let me know. These would make perfect 'show and tell' moments!

OUR NOVELS

Our New Novel - A new term brings with it a brand new novel! The Land of Roar, by Jenny McLachlan, is about the 'imaginary' adventures a set of twins used to have. Quickly, they begin to realise it may not have just been all in their heads. To save their Grandad, they must return to the 'imaginary' world and go on a final adventure.

While they're facing challenges in Roar, they are also facing challenges in the real world. The twins are about to begin secondary school and already, they are starting to worry!

Our second novel in the term will be The Highland Falcon Thief. More on that one later!

HIGHLAND



The Highland Falcon Thief



Land of Roar

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



Science

Sound and States of Matter



PSHE

Mental health and wellbeing and exploring ways to manage risk



Computing

Hardware and Software, Logos and Animation



Spanish

Revision of greetings, the numbers 0-31 and the days of the week.

IMPORTANT DATES - MORE INFO COMING



Sept TBC

Trip to Jarrow Hall



Sept 25th

Bikeability Level 1



Oct 2nd

MacMillan Coffee
Afternoon hosted
by us!



Nov 11th

Trip to Durham
Cathedral

CLASSROOM REMINDERS



**Pack healthy
snacks.**



**Label all
belongings.**



**Hand in
homework
books on
Mondays.**



**PE Coach
coming in on
Tuesdays to
teach football.
Come into school
in kit please!**

CREATIVE SUBJECTS - WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?



Art

We will explore still life
drawing and painting
using light and dark.



Design and Technology

The brief is to design, make
and evaluate a greetings
card that uses levers and
linkages.

Music

Ms Casewell will be coming
in to teach us how to play
the Ukulele and in the
second half term, we will
focus on Singing and
Traditions.



MULTIPLICATION TIMES TABLES CHECK

At the end of the year, Year 4 complete a Times Tables Check. This test is on a computer or tablet and the children are asked a series of times tables from 0x0 to 12x12. They are required to answer them in 6 seconds. We will be practicing times tables in school and we encourage you to continue practicing them at home in your own ways. Over the year, I will provide you with more information about this process. Equally, if you would like to know more now, please visit the website

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