



Aim High

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## YEAR FOUR NEWS

December 2015

# Spring into step with a new term in Year 4!

What a busy term we have had since October with our fascinating trip to Peterborough Museum. The performance at the Cathedral was amazing and a big thank you to all who supported the event. Now we look forward to the first term of 2016 with a new, exciting topic.

### 'Britain From the Air'

In our new topic, we will be exploring how Britain looks from a birds-eye-view and investigating the local area. We will be looking at important landmarks in Britain and discovering how our landscape has changed over the years due to a variety of influences.

Religious Education will continue to be taught using the recent Peterborough Guidelines.

**The areas of study will include:**

- How to ask geographical questions.
- How to use atlases, maps and plans,
- How to obtain relevant information from secondary sources, like aerial photographs.
- How to use Computing to create a presentation.
- What places are like in our locality.



### Mathematics in action!

The main objectives we will be covering are as follows: **place value and ordering numbers; fractions and decimals; converting between different units of measure; calculating using measures including money.** Try some games on

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/>

### Yay! Literacy and Language is alive!

Next term, we will be studying and performing a funny **story in Narrative Verse** and writing **Explanation Texts** linked to our topic.

#### Come read with us!

Join in by reading related books at home, like:

'Trolls Go Home (Troll Trouble)' by Alan MacDonald;  
'The Secret Book of Trolls' by Danny Willis;  
'Troll Wood' by Kathryn Cave and Paul Hess;  
'Jabberwocky and Other Poems' by Tig Thomas;  
'Night of the Gargoyles' by Eve Bunting and David Weisner.

### We're Utterly Butterly Musically minded!

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, we have the Utterly Butterly Ukulele Project team coming in to work with year 3 and 4. There will be a performance at the end of the day that you are all invited to share with us.

For more details, have a look on their website [www.tubup.org](http://www.tubup.org).



### 2 hours of PE for me!

Please make sure your child brings in a complete, **named PE kit every week.** With the cold weather, long trousers and long sleeves are essential. Hats and gloves can also be worn if it is very cold. Plasters **must** be provided to cover piercings.

## Year 4 wants YOU!



Due to the Christmas Service at the Cathedral, we decided to postpone our Design Technology day to after Christmas. So we would like to invite you to join year 4 to create purses or wallets on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Also, to make our topic come alive, why not watch television documentaries or visit popular local landmarks as a family, to enhance the learning in our topic next term. We would also like to say a great big **“Thank You!”** to all the family members that have helped at our events this year. Without you we would not be able to organise such a fun and varied curriculum.

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## The POWER of Home Learning is here!

Your child will receive another termly POWER project sheet which will be given out in the first week. These tasks will again enable the children earn POWER points. The children can choose from projects called ‘A Local Bird’s Eye View’ and ‘Watch PIXAR’s Up!’. These activities are not compulsory, but are a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning. The way in which the work is presented is entirely up to the child; the more creative the better!

In addition to this, every Wednesday the children will be given a writing and maths or science task which is due the following Wednesday, and they will be awarded house points for their efforts on these tasks. This home learning is

expected to be completed at home and handed in on time by the due date. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break times.

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## Give me a break!

Children may bring in a snack to eat at morning break but it must be a **healthy option**, and remember that we are a **nut free** school.

Also, a Hot Meal option is available every day for your child’s lunch, but it must be booked and paid for in advance.

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## Websites:

- <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/>
- <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/questions/landmarks.htm>

**It has been a really enjoyable term in year 4 and we are working together as a class to help each other be the best that we can be. Have a great Christmas break and we look forward to next term, knowing that we will have lots more fun and successes.**

Yours sincerely

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