

# Seymour Road Academy Newsletter

## Year 4

Welcome back!

Hello from Miss Hart & Mr Bridge. Wow, what a fantastic start to this term we have had in 4DG & 4TB! We are excited for the new term ahead. The children all have special talents to bring to this year. It is our intention that the children's experiences will stay with them and they will be able to look back at their time in Seymour Road with happy and special memories.

### Top Tips for Survival

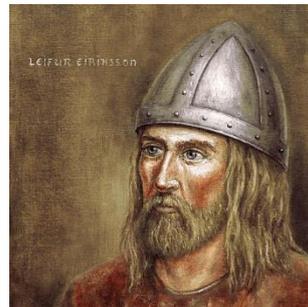


Surviving the term

This term is very exciting as the children progress through the school year. They will be challenged further and the children have made so much progress already! The children are established within the juniors and we focus on building the children's confidence. The children will focus strongly on the respect curriculum looking at areas such as empathy and self-awareness ensuring they become the best version of themselves. To help your child with their studies we will continue to set regular homework to help them with their numeracy and literacy skills. This will be sent out on a Friday and we would like it to be returned by Wednesday.

Top tips: Early nights, eat a healthy breakfast and always ask a teacher if unsure of anything.

### Creative Curriculum



Leif Eriksson

Our focus this term is on adventure and discovery. Our inspirational hero that we will be studying is Leif Eriksson. The children have been introduced to their topic and have already located Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and North America on a map. They have used brilliant research skills to learn all about Viking life, and present this in their books. The children are very enthusiastic about their weekly missions, and are looking forward to working with Commando Glen on their upcoming activities. Working in this way children are more engaged, they enjoy learning more and their books look even more creative.

## Maths



### Column multiplication.

In Maths, we have been focusing mainly on presentation and how to set things out in Year 4. We have also been looking at multiplying and dividing using our number facts. Children in Year 4 are expected to know all their number bonds, be able to halve and double mentally and recall all the facts from their times tables (up to 12 x 12). It is important that children spend time at home rehearsing these if they do not already know them. We will be starting our 'Rockstar Maths' programme. This is an online website that allows children to practice times tables at home in a fun way. A weekly Maths test will be carried out every Friday.

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## English



### Reading helps!

In English, we have been focusing on grammar and our ISPACE openers. The children have been using these within their creative and publish writing. The children are focusing on explanation texts over the next couple of weeks and the features used within this style of writing. Reading is a big focus and children will be given books to read at home. We will expect them to read daily as this will help the children broaden their vocabulary and improve spelling and grammar. Children will receive weekly spellings at the beginning of the week to practice ready for their test on a Friday.

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## Updates



### What, where & when?

The children have resumed their swimming lessons weekly on a Wednesday afternoon. Children will need:

- swimming shorts for boys
- full piece swimming costumes for girls (no bikinis)
- swimming hats for all girls and any boys with long hair.

Every Monday the children will have a P.E session with the sports coaches from the Manchester City ground (City in the Community). Please can you ensure your child has trainers with them on this day.

The children are going to be completing their missions which run alongside the RESPECT curriculum every Monday. These will be supported by Commando Glen to ensure a successful mission.

We look forward to a great term ahead!

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