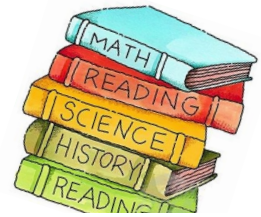


What's happening in Year 4?

Spring Term 2024

Hello, welcome back and happy new year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break, we are looking forward to a busy and exciting term! This newsletter aims to share with you the exciting learning that will be coming up this term. We look forward to working with you again.

Mrs Roberts, Mr Watson and Mr Penfold



What will your child be studying in maths and English?



In **English**, we will be reading 'The Horned Helmet' by Henry Treece. This is a historical fiction story that is set in the Viking period. We will be using this story to link to our work in history and we will be writing in a number of different genres including letters, arguments and newspaper reports. After half term, we will focus our writing on the famous 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame. We will use this text to focus on the characters and settings within the story.

In **maths** this term we will be focusing on the formal written methods for multiplication and division. The children will be learning to use the grid method for multiplication and chunking for division. We will also be learning about fractions and how to use our division method to find fractions of amounts. Later in the term we will be applying our methods for all four of the operations by solving a variety of problems. It is important that the children are practising their times tables all the time to support their work in maths so lots of regular practise at home will be beneficial.

For your information...

- **PE** —During the spring term, we will endeavour to continue with our PE learning outside. Please ensure your child is wearing sensible PE footwear to school everyday. We will go outside as often as we can so please also ensure your child brings a coat to school each day.
- **Home Learning**—Your child will continue to bring home maths and English home learning on a weekly basis. This is to consolidate what the children have been doing in class and is set so that we can see what the children can do independently. Please check over your child's home learning after they have completed it to ensure it is of good quality, but try not to make corrections for your child. Children will have the opportunity to mark their home learning themselves and correct their own mistakes is an important part of learning.

What learning will take place in other areas of the curriculum?

History

In history we will be learning about life in the Viking period. We will be exploring what life was like for a Viking on board a Viking Longboat!

Science

We will start the spring term learning about States of matter, learning about solids, liquids and gases. Later in the term we will be learning about living things and animals in their habitats.

Computing

This half term we are toy designers! We will be using the computer program 'Scratch' to create a prototype for an interactive toy.

Art/DI

This half term we will be using our sewing skills to make a textile picture which tells a story of a Viking myth to create a class tapestry.

Music

Mrs Carter from Hampshire Music Service will be teaching us how to play the ukulele.

RE

We will be exploring the concepts of good and evil and ritual.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE learning will focus on how we can manage our feelings. Later in the term we will be learning about how we grow and change as we get older.

PE Games

Outside we will be learning the rules and skills of football.

