

Year 4 Autumn Term (1) 2019 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer,
Welcome back to another school year.

Topic – History

In our topic lessons this term we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings following our new curriculum framework revised in March 2019.

Big Picture – We will ask: were the Vikings ‘traders or raiders?’

Deep Understanding – We will look at how the Vikings conflicted with the Anglo Saxons, consider a range of historical sources, and look at religion, culture and the legacy the Vikings left. We will also create Viking shields with traditional Viking art.

Flexible Selves – We will be sending home vocabulary linked to the topics to help your child get a better sense of the topic.

Real Purpose- We will be visiting Nell Bank on 7th October to ‘be a Viking’ taking part in a day where we learn what the everyday life of a Viking is like. If there are any parent volunteers for the trip, especially those DBS checked through school, we would be very grateful of the help as we will be walking the children down. Please contact the office if you are interested.

English

This term we will be working from ‘The Paperbag Prince’ by Colin Thompson. We will be using the pictures and text to help develop our comprehension skills. Within the text we will look at the use of noun phrases and fronted adverbials as a means to provide interest and information. Then use the story as a model to practice these features in our own stories.

Maths

This half term we will start by looking at rounding and comparing numbers before learning Roman Numerals. We will then we move onto Subtraction with exchanges; where we look at finding efficient methods estimating answers and checking strategies.

Science

Human Nutrition – The children will describe, sequence and investigate the simple functions and the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. They will identify and name the different types of teeth in humans and some other animals, and their simple functions. They will also look at how their teeth could decay and how they could be kept healthy.

PE

PE will be on **Monday**. We will be doing Tag Rugby this term. Please ensure your child has PE kit on these days.

French

Year 4 French lessons will begin with two useful questions: ‘what is it?’ and ‘who is it?’ Children will learn fruits and pets, the preposition ‘dans’ and how to say, ‘there is’ and ‘there are’.

Homework

Ideally, we would recommend that you read with your child as often as possible, at least 3 times a week. Please record when you listen to them and how they did in their Reading Record.

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

It is also important that the children practice their Times Tables so that they know them and can give the answer in 5 seconds. (By the end of Year 4 the children need to know all the tables up to 12 x 12)

There is also a homework sheet linked to our History topic. I am happy to see any other work inspired by our learning in class.

Reading books will be changed on the following days

Monday – Aire

Tuesdays - Nidd

Wednesday – Swale

Thursday – Wharfe

Dates for your diary

PE – Every Monday

Monday 7th October – Year 3/4 Trip to Nell Bank

Tuesday 22nd October – Open classroom

Wednesday 4th December – Home Learning Gallery

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest regards

Year 4

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