

Year 4 Spring Newsletter 2020

Please find below a brief outline of the subjects and topics that we will be covering in this term in school.

English

We will be reading and discussing two main texts; 'The Legend of Spud Murphy' and, linked to our topic, 'How to Train a Dragon'. We will be using the texts as a stimulus for the children to consolidate and develop their creativity in drama and writing. They will also be learning how to write persuasively using leaflets.

Maths

This term the children will be continuing to learn times tables, applying their times tables in word problems and a formal written method. We will be continuing to encourage the children to play on TT Rockstars to increase their speed. We will be looking at finding area of shapes by counting the squares. We will be building on the children's understanding of fractions and introducing decimals.

Science

Our science topics for this term are 'States of Matter' and 'Animals and Habitats'. We will be introducing the three traditional states of matter; solids, liquids and gases; how to classify them; and changes in state.

History

Our topic this half term is Vikings. We will be identifying the impact of the Vikings' invasion of the UK and how this has affected British life.

R.E

This half term the children will be learning about how festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim.

Computing

This term the children will be introduced to spreadsheets. We will also be looking at using ICT to present and publish information.

Art

This half term we will be learning about Viking arts and crafts. They will be painting pictures of significant Viking symbols and Viking warriors.

Music

The children will be learning about beat and pitch.

P.E.

In P.E. the children will be developing their gymnastic skills with Premier Sport on Wednesdays. On Friday mornings, they will be developing their football skills. We will be doing PE even if the weather is cold. We suggest that children have a pair of jogging bottoms, a pair of sports shoes, a warm jumper to wear outside and a change of socks.

Values/PSHE

The whole school values will be:

January: Thankfulness

February: Friendship

Homework

The children will have a Spring 1 homework menu. We would like the children to complete three of these tasks by Monday 10th February. We would also really appreciate you helping your child in these other areas as regularly as you can.

Reading - Listen to your child read as often as you can. Discuss the story, characters and meaning of new words. Try to ask them questions about what they have read to check they understand it.

Times tables - By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. We practise them 3 times a week in school. We ask that you encourage your children to play Times Table Rockstars as much as possible. This is proven to have a substantial impact in the children's knowledge and recall. Not knowing the times tables would have a negative impact on the children's ability to make progress in other mathematical areas where times table knowledge is necessary. If your child is unsure of their username or password please speak to their teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you ever have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

The Year 4 Team

