

English

Children will be studying the work of Janina Ramirez. We will be reading the Riddle of the Runes during our lessons which is based around a Viking mystery and is closely linked to our topic. This will be used as a stimulus for a number of English based activities including a focus on developing reading comprehension skills, as well as writing their own play script and poetry.



Maths

Children will continue to develop skills in number including using all four operations within different contexts. We will also be looking closely at Fractions and Decimals this term along side problem solving and reasoning.



Science

Children will be looking at Electricity and States of Matter this term. We will be conducting a number of experiments within the classroom to see how Electricity works and how we can change the state of an object.

Spring Term

The Vikings



Topic overview

The theme this term is cross curricular incorporating aspects of English, ICT, geography and history. The children will learn about the impact of historical changes over time. They will discover how life has changed since The Viking times, by researching the role of different members of society. We will be linking this closely to our previous topic as they were around at the same time. We will be comparing the life styles, religion and war tactics of the two kingdoms and we will be making a judgment about where we would have liked to live. We will be thinking carefully about our key concepts within history and we will use these in all of our lessons.

PHSE

Within PSHE we will be looking at our dreams and goals. We will have a thinking about realistic goals and having the resistance to achieve them. After half term, we will move onto a healthy me topic. This will look at how to keep healthy physically as well as mentally along side activities to help us cope with stress. We will also look at smoking, healthy friendship dynamics and peer pressure.

What's in the News?

Throughout the year, the children will have the opportunity to explore and discuss news items from the week on a Friday. They will encounter current affairs and consider how they affect their everyday lives. They will understand the term 'democracy' whilst researching the main political parties.

Learning Styles

In year 4, we always plan to cater for children's different learning styles. There will be a number of opportunities for children to learn in different ways including ICT, art and other creative projects. We also encourage team work and encourage the children to work in different groups, as well as in pairs and develop their independence.

Homework

Can we take this opportunity to remind parents that homework in year 4 follows the general pattern: A homework task will be set once a week to be returned the following Thursday. We expect that children take care of their homework books and use them as they would their school books (neatness etc). Children are also expected to practise: Times table facts Reading (making regular entries in their reading record). Spellings P.E kits will be worn on the PE days which are on the school website.

How can you help?

The year 4 team will be extremely grateful if you can help your children read at home and encourage them to learn their times tables for the Year 4 assessment at the end of the year. Please see purple mash for the test.

Thank you for your continued support.
The year 4 team,
Mrs Holmes/Mrs Fowler and Mr Powis