

YEAR 4 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2

Welcome back, Year 4! We hope that you had a wonderful break and feel refreshed to continue with the academic year. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.



History - Our topic for this term is Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. We will be learning about these groups, their way of life and beliefs. We will explore the conflict between them and work towards writing a historical enquiry.



Google Classroom - We will be using Google Classroom frequently to share any updates or provide extra homework to support our learning in class. Please ensure your child is logging in weekly.



English - This term in English, we will be developing our writing skills through looking at a variety of different texts, including a range of fiction and non-fiction. Our main text for the half term will be 'Beowulf'. In spelling, we will be learning suffixes, prefixes and our statutory spellings and we will be consolidating these through handwriting (letter join). During guided reading, we will continue to explore the poetry of Joseph Coelho and we will be exploring the book 'Beowulf' to support our knowledge in our history topic.



Maths- Our first focus of the year will be continuing our work on addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. We will give out homework each Friday to consolidate the skills we have learnt in maths each week.

IMPORTANT: Times Tables - Times Tables will continue to be a big focus in Year 4, with all children in the country being tested in the summer term. Children in Year 4 are expected to know their 1-12 times tables and to be fluent in doing so. We would therefore encourage you to do as much practice as you can with times tables at home. Times Tables Rockstars is a great programme to help with this - please use it regularly.

Science- In Science, our new topic will be 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will be learning how living things can be grouped in a variety of ways, we will explore and use classification keys to help group living things in their environment. We will also learn that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.



PE- Your child will have two PE sessions per week. This half term, the focus will be Games (Bench Ball) and social multi skills. PE sessions will be on **Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons**.

Thanks,

Alex and Ellie