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How can you help your child?

- Your child will bring a book home every week.
- Please listen to your child read their reading book on a regular basis. Also, talk to your son or daughter about what they have read. This will help with their progress in reading and comprehension.
- Please ask your child what they have been doing in maths each day.
- Maths is everywhere! Encourage your son or daughter to calculate change when going shopping, measure out ingredients when cooking or work out how much time they have left before bedtime.

Members of staff

- ❖ Mrs Bowen (Class teacher)
- ❖ Mrs Mills (Class teacher)
- ❖ Mrs Kaur and Miss Lisseman

Year 4 Autumn Term

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you have kept safe over these challenging times. We are looking forward to working with your children this year and moving forward with their learning.

This year the children will be consolidating the skills they learnt in Year 3 and learning lots of new and interesting things. We will be working hard to help your children catch up quickly.

This leaflet offers information about what your child will be learning this term. If you wish to know more, please speak to a member of staff from your child's class.

English

In English, we are learning the skills for story writing and non-fiction. We will concentrate on developing accurate use of punctuation, powerful vocabulary, more interesting sentence construction and using grammar correctly.

The above skills will be taught through the context of a Merlin and The Dragon and 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. We will also be using these books to improve children's reading skills, including being able to infer and retrieve key information.

Talking to your child when reading with them will help develop these skills further.

Science

In Science, the children will be increasing their understanding of animals including humans.

They will learn about teeth, including their role in digesting food and the importance of looking after our teeth properly. They will also be learning about the organs and processes involved in the digestive system. They will also learn about diets of different animals, including what constitutes a healthy balanced diet for humans, and the importance of food chains in our ecosystems.

Theme

This term, we will be finding out about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We will investigate the places that they settled using atlases, looking at geographical patterns. We will develop historical skills by asking and answering questions about the Anglo Saxon and Viking ways of life.

In Art, we will be learning how to use the shading techniques to sketch Anglo Saxon houses. We will also design and make a Viking shield in DT.

If you wish to find out more there are lots of good websites on this topic and the local library is a fantastic resource.



RE & PSHE

In PSHE, the children will learn about relationships and respecting similarities and differences between each other. They will learn how to build and maintain positive relationships within school and online.

In RE, the children will be learning about how different religions welcome new life, including the role of baptism in Christianity and the Sikh naming ceremony.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to develop our maths skills through SMART Maths.

In Arithmetic, we will calculate maths stories for all four operations with fractions and mixed numbers, using this to calculate answers to word problems. In Geometry, we will begin to develop your child's understanding of transformations, such as learning how to draw the image of an object in mirror lines and labelling it. During Data and Measure sessions, we will use ratio, vulgar fractions and decimal fractions to compare metric units for length, mass and volume.

Don't Forget...

We will be continuing to use Marvellous Me to keep you up to date with how your child is getting on.

4JB and 4DM will have PE on Friday and the children will come to school in PE kit for the whole day. During colder weather, they can wear jogging bottoms and may wear trainers instead of pumps. Please ensure earrings are removed before coming to school on PE days.

Please try to read with your child every night and ensure reading books are in school each day.