

# YEAR 4 Newsletter

## TOPICS FOR THE SUMMER TERM



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Our main topic this term is:

### The Anglo-Saxons

*History* — Children will study how and when the Anglo-Saxons lived in Britain and learn some of the famous Anglo-Saxon stories.

*English* — Children will continue to develop their story writing skills in the contexts of stories which raise moral dilemmas and stories from other cultures. Later in the term they will also learn how to write information and persuasive texts. Alongside this, children will be working to improve their knowledge and understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

*Reading* — Children will discuss a variety of texts during Guided Reading sessions, with a particular focus on why a writer chooses particular words to create an effect.

*Maths* — We will be revising many of the topics covered so far this year and also working on position and direction and statistics.

*Science* — In Science we will be learning about states of matter and the differences between solids, liquids and gases. This will have lots of opportunities for investigations.

*D. T.* — Nearer the end of term we will be cooking, making savoury products.

*Computing* — Firstly, we will become meteorologists, presenting the weather. After half term we will become toy designers, prototyping an interactive toy.

*P.E. & Games* — We will be practising our athletics skills in preparation for sports day and developing our fielding and striking skills in the context of tennis and cricket.

*Music* — We will have lots of fun singing songs and creating music on the themes of **'food and drink' and 'communication'**.

*P. S. C. H. E.* — We will be thinking about personal safety, helping and getting help.

*R. E.* — We will be learning how religious families practise their faith and it influence their lives.

*Art* — We will be designing and painting Anglo-Saxon shields and will also get messy with making clay Saxon houses.

### Home Learning

**Maths**—homework will be set on a Friday and is due back on the following Thursday. Please see the school website for more ideas for helping your child with maths.

By the end of Year 4, children **MUST** know all their times tables. We will be practising this in school but help at home would be really appreciated.

**Spelling**—once again, children have been given a booklet with **the whole term's spellings**. The new list will be discussed and set on a Monday and the children will be tested on these words the following Monday.

**English**—until half term, children will receive a piece of literacy homework every Friday and this is due back on the following Thursday.

Topic homework will be given out after half term once we are well into our Anglo-Saxons topic.

**Reading**—please continue to listen to your child read as often as possible and ask them questions about what they have read. Children must write two detailed comments each week in their reading log about their reading.



### Sports Kit

Please can all children have their P.E. kit in school every day. We have sports activities on Wednesdays and Fridays but might occasionally go out on other days. Trainers are needed as plimsolls are not suitable for wearing outside as they do not provide enough support or protection.

### Key Dates

Year 4 Class Assembly on Thursday, 11th at 2:45pm.

PGL residential trip—16th-18th June