

Year 4

Summer 1



Anglo Saxons

Dates for your diary:

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday Monday

Thursday 23rd May: End of Half Term

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Class News

Welcome back! As we approach the final term of Year 4, we have lots of interesting topics to cover. As always, homework, together with spellings, will be sent home on a Wednesday and is due back the following Monday. Children will copy out these spellings and write 5 sentences including the words. In addition to this, we would like children to now practise all of their times tables each week, in preparation for their test on Thursday.

Year 4 will continue to have a tennis lesson on Wednesday and PE will be on Thursday. However, as their PE lesson is subject to change, can you please encourage your child to ensure they have their PE kit in school every week.

Times Tables Testing

From next year, Year 4 children in primary schools will be tested on their multiplication knowledge up to 12x12 in the summer term. They will have 25 questions to answer online and 6 seconds to answer each question. This will be trialled this year and then become statutory in 2020. The following link takes you to a fantastic free online resource which replicates the test. The children have to type in the answer and press 'enter'. The default setting is all the times tables, 25 questions and 6 seconds to answer, but this can be altered easily to just cover a specific times table, different number of questions, different time to answer etc. it really is worth a look.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication>

English

This half term we will be focussing on the novel 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. We will also be concentrating on ways to perform poems and how to engage the listener. In addition to this, we will learn how to write an explanation text. Building upon our prior knowledge of earthquakes, we will consider ways to explain their occurrence.

Maths

In Maths we are continuing to build on the skills we have been assimilating over the year. In particular, we will look at counting by looking at statistics and measure. We will also focus upon solving reasoning problems using fractions and decimals. Year 4 will learn the formal written method of division. In shape we will be able to describe the translation of shapes, find perimeter, area and draw shapes using co-ordinates. We will also look at time, including the 24 hour clock.

Science

This half term we will learn about changes of state and be able to classify solids, liquids and gases

R.E.

We will consider evidence of Jesus as the Son of God and the ways in which he challenged the authorities. This will then link to more modern day examples of people who have challenged authorities in their belief and pursuit of the Christian way of life.

History

We will study Britain's Settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots

PE & Geography

Outdoor Adventurous Activities: Year 4 will participate in team building activities and orienteering.

Art and Design & Design Technology

We will be studying and developing sculptures.

Computing

Year 4 will continue to build upon their computing skills, using Scratch and Traffic Lights Simulation.

Music

Children continue to have the opportunity to learn how to read Music, with particular focus upon identifying notes on the stave.

French

Year 4 continue with their French lessons, where they will look at phonics, verb acheter and negatives, together with a basic understanding of grammar. In addition to this they will begin to recognise French accents.