



Year 4 Curriculum Information



Creative Curriculum

English

Caroline Lawrence: The Thieves of Ostia

Children will be exploring a range of genres such as narratives and newspaper reports.

They will research the Viking invasion of Britain, including the attack on the monasteries. The children will use this information to plan, write and edit a historical narrative. We will then move on to writing a historical narrative about the battle between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings, and how this impacted Britain.

At home, practise spellings sent home linked to the work covered in class and read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts from the school library.

RMSE

We will be focusing on the religion of Buddhism. Our key question for this term is: **Is it possible for everyone to be happy?** We will be applying our background knowledge and will be developing a deeper understanding of these faiths.

At home you could speak to your child about what they have learnt in RMSE lessons and encourage them to reflect on the lessons that different religions teach us.



Music

In Year 4, the children will be learning about frequency, pitch, rhythm and rhyme. This will then be applied to various musical instruments as well as their voice, where they will be singing Mamma Mia.

At home, encourage your child to explain the different skills they are learning in lessons.

PSHEC

Our focus this term in PSHEC is encouraging the children to explain their understanding of our school vision as a UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting School. This half term, there will be an emphasis on re-establishing routines and expectations for this academic year.

At home, talk to your child about what they have learned in PSHEC lessons.



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Maths

This term, we will be learning about place value and we will develop our reasoning skills. Children will explore the Roman Numeral system and estimate numbers to 1,000 using a number line. They will also be adding and subtracting four-digit numbers with more than one exchange, using efficient methods. This year the Year 4 children will be undertaking a national times table test and we will be supporting and encouraging children to prepare for their tests. Children will continue to develop their Mental Arithmetic and Times Tables through weekly focuses.

At home, support your child to think about the value of numbers looking for patterns as well as supporting your child to learn their times tables.

PE

This half term in PE, children will be learning either football, gymnastics and handball. This will help them to develop their fine motor skills in sports as well as their ability to work as a team. PE will take place on Wednesdays.

At home: Practise skills and read around the activity that your child is learning this half term.

Art/DT

In Art, we will be exploring Viking settlements and artisan lifestyle. Children will design, sculpt and carve Viking coins (Danegeld) using clay. In DT, children will design their own Vikings shields. They will use a range of materials to create these shields.

At home, visit the local library or carryout internet research on the impact of the Danegeld tax on Anglo-Saxons.

Languages-Spanish

This half term in Spanish, children will develop their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills whilst revisiting greetings, saying their name and age or expressing their feelings. Children will also focus on grammar aspects of Spanish language.

At home: Encourage children to practise their Spanish using language apps such as Duolingo and Rocket Spanish.

Homework

Homework is set on Purple Mash as well as Time Table Rockstars. Maths, English, and Topic homework will be set weekly on Thursdays. However, spellings for the whole half-term will be given in their planners to allow extra time to practise. Spelling tests will take place weekly consisting of the spellings of that week. Children with homework books must return them to their class teacher by Tuesday. We encourage all of our parents to let us know how well your child is reading at home. Please write your comments regularly in your child's planner.

Science

This half term, we will be starting our unit "Animals Including Humans". In this unit, we will be learning about how food is digested in our bodies, as well as how nutrients, water and oxygen are transported within humans and animals. We will also learn about the functions of different teeth.

At home, encourage children to talk about the different types of teeth and the importance of keeping them clean.



Computing

In Computing, we will create rules for staying safe online and will explore the dangers and reporting mechanisms. Children will start their new topic, we are software developers, where they will learn to code and debug programmes.

At home, encourage your child to talk about the risks of using the internet. Support them to think of how they can overcome these dangers.



History

The new topic for this half term is 'Invasion'. In this unit, we will explore Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots. They will learn about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England up to the time of the Norman Invasion.

At home take your child to the library and allow them to find out about Anglo Saxons, Normans and Vikings.



Key Events

Memorable Experience Day - Viking Day!

Wednesday 27th September 2023



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