

# Year 4 Newsletter Summer 2018

## *Our Big Question this term is: Who were the greatest invaders?*



We will be using this topic to enhance historical investigative skills of the children looking at factual evidence and the key features of the times. We will be focussing on Anglo-Saxon invasions, how they organised themselves into separate Kingdoms, what everyday life was like, Anglo-Saxon art and culture and the conversion to Christianity. We will also be going on an exciting trip to the York Farming Museum later in the term to experience all aspects of Anglo Saxon life.

### Literacy

Our Literacy work will be based around:

- \*Stories set in imaginary worlds
- \*Plays
- \*Stories that raise issues and dilemmas
- \*Persuasive letter
- \*Poetry exploring form

Our class novel this term is 'Alice in Wonderland' by Louis Carroll. Please ensure that your child completes their reading record in detail, with your signature each time they read, which should be 3 times a week, minimum. They should always have a school scheme reading book (from our library) and reading record with them every day. Volume reading helps writing and spelling, whilst feeding into maths, science and all the other life skills your child needs!



### Maths

This term our focus is on decimals, factors, revision of four rules, angles, degrees of turn, weight and capacity. You can help your child by providing them with opportunities to discuss the units and scales used to measure weight and capacity, why not get baking and measuring out the ingredients? Children will be encouraged to solve a range of puzzles or problems and explain how they found the answer. We continue to work hard on our times tables with the aim of knowing all tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year. Please test your child at every opportunity and revisit the times tables learnt last term, we need to ensure they remain embedded.

## Science

This term, we will be doing lots of hands on learning and practical experimenting both indoors and outside, to learn about what plants need to survive and how animals adapt to their habitats.



## P.E.

This half term we will be doing athletics on Tuesday afternoon and cricket on Wednesday mornings. The following half term we will be continuing with athletics on Tuesdays and invasion games Thursdays. Please ensure your child has their correct P.E. kit (outdoor kit for both) in school on each of these days.

## R.E.

We will be learning about the role of the church in Christianity. Our other RE topic will be looking at the Hindu faith and we will also be visiting their place of worship to understand more about their religion.

## Maths and English Targets

We continue to work hard to ensure all children are achieving their end of Year 4 targets. Please ask your child about their targets, when doing homework, to support them with this.

Homework - thanks for your super effort ensuing homework is completed on time. We know we



can count on you to keep up the good work! Remember - Literacy (Grammar/Comprehension) is given out Thursday **back Wednesday** please. Spellings are handed out Friday and tested the following **Friday**. Maths is given out Tuesday due **back Monday**. Homework can be handed in earlier, if completed, before the day it is due in.

This information is designed to help you all have an idea of the topics and key times for some of the events in the summer term.

We know we can count on your support for the children's learning. If you would like to discuss any issues, please feel free to call in after 3.30pm any day. Mrs Booth works Monday - Wednesday and Mrs Burke Wednesday - Friday.

Many thanks!

Mrs Burke and Mrs Booth