

Year 4 Newsletter Summer 2021

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.

Literacy

Our Literacy work will be based around:

- *Stories with imaginary settings
- *Stories that raise issues and dilemmas
- *Plays
- *Explanations

Our class novel this term is 'Alice in Wonderland' by Louis Carroll. Please ensure that your child completes their reading record 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, money, time, statistics, properties of shapes, position and direction. You can help your child by providing them with opportunities to discuss time, and to tell the time, using both analogue and digital clocks. Please practice reading the time on both analogue and digital clocks and ask your child time questions e.g. How many minutes till tea time? If the pizza takes 30 minutes what time do we need to take it out? 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 recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways and use classification keys to help group, identify



name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. We will also be looking at how environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things, constructing food chains and identifying producers, predators and prey.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on Tuesdays (first three weeks) then Wednesdays (till the end of term). We will also be doing P.E. every Thursday. Please ensure your child has their correct P.E. kit (outdoor kit for both) in school on each of these days. An outdoor P.E. kit consists of normal P.E. Kit with a warm top (ideally without a hood) and trainers.

R.E.

We will be completing our work on how we know that Jesus is the son of God and learning about the role of the church in Christianity.

D.T.

In D.T. they will be making healthy biscuits and designing an Anglo-Saxon money carrier.

Computing

We will be learning how to add images, animations and sounds to a PowerPoint presentation and creating stop motion movies.

Spanish

This term we will be learning how to name fruits and vegetables in Spanish and how to say if we like or dislike things.

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 in the summer term so that you can support your children's learning at home.

Many thanks!

Mrs Burke and Mrs Booth