

# Curriculum Newsletter



## Year 4 Spring Term 2

The teachers in Year 4 this half term are:

- Miss Coley (Mon-Tues)
- Mrs. Brown (Wed-Fri)
- Miss Pougher

### English

This term, our English lessons will immerse the children in a variety of exciting and thought-provoking texts. These include *The Journey* and the wonderful *How to be a Viking!*

Through these engaging texts, the children will develop their skills as readers and writers. They will:

- Write setting and character descriptions, focussing on their use of specific vocabulary to generate imagery.
- Develop their understanding of narrative writing by producing a story.
- Write a non-chronological report based on Vikings.

In reading, we will explore a wide range of age-appropriate texts and practise comprehension skills using VIPERS-style questions. This will help children to not only understand what they read but also think critically about language, structure and authorial intent.

### Science

We will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will explore how different animals and plants are suited to the environments in which they live, including how habitats can change and how this can affect living things. We will continue to develop our investigative skills and critical thinking as we observe, classify and analyse information about a range of habitats and the organisms that live within them.



### Maths

This half term, we will be developing our understanding of decimals, length and perimeter. We will learn to recognise and use decimal numbers, including tenths and hundredths, and understand how decimals relate to fractions and whole numbers.



We will measure and compare lengths using different units, converting between metres, centimetres and millimetres where appropriate. Children will also learn how to calculate the perimeter of regular and irregular shapes.

Throughout these lessons, Year 4 children will build confidence using practical resources and visual models to explain their thinking and solve problems accurately.

### History

This half term, Year 4 will be learning all about the Vikings and their impact on Britain. We will explore who the Vikings were, where they came from, and why they travelled and settled in different places. This will include studying Viking life, raids and settlements, as well as how they influenced everyday life in Britain.



We will continue to develop our research, enquiry and critical thinking skills as we investigate historical sources and learn more about the past.

### DT

This half term, we will be exploring Design and Technology by creating a light-up porch inspired by our class story *The Journey*. We will learn how simple electrical circuits work and use this knowledge to design and make a functional product that meets our success criteria.



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## Year 4 Spring Term 1

Year 4 will be supported by:

- Miss Jones

### PE—on Wednesday



#### 4CB

Developing their handball skills.

#### 4P

Developing their dance skills.

Please ensure correct PE kit is worn.

### French



This half term, we will be learning the topic In the Classroom. We will learn how to name common classroom objects and use simple phrases to describe and talk about them. We will continue to develop our vocabulary, confidence in speaking aloud and our conversational skills.

### RE



We will be exploring the Christian belief behind why Christians call the day that Jesus died Good Friday. Through stories, discussion and reflective activities, we will learn about the events of Holy Week and consider what this day means to Christians, making links to ideas about sacrifice, hope and forgiveness.

### Experiences

- Viking day
- Astley Burf
- World Book Day

### PSHE



We will explore the topic Healthy Me, focusing on how to keep our bodies and minds healthy. We will learn about making positive choices, staying safe, and understanding how healthy habits can support our wellbeing and relationships with others.

### Music



4P this half term will be continuing to learn the cornet whilst 4CB learn the violin.

Throughout this half term, we will be developing our skills in reading music and composing our own pieces.

### Computing

This half term, we will be learning about Writing for Different Audiences using Purple Mash. We will explore how writing can change depending on who it is for, creating a range of texts while developing our creativity, editing skills and understanding of purpose and audience.



### Home Learning

#### Spelling

Every week, children will be learning Year 4 spellings as part of their English curriculum. To support this learning at home, they can practise their spellings using Spelling Shed.

#### Reading

Children need to bring their reading books and diaries to school every day. Reading regularly at home is strongly encouraged. If your child reads to an adult three times or more in a week, they will be entered into our reading raffle. This gives them the exciting chance to win one of our amazing books from the book vending machine!

#### Times Tables

Your child has login details for Times Tables Rock Stars. This is an online programme where children can practise their times tables and compete with themselves and others.

#### Creative Tasks

At the start of each half term, children will have the opportunity to complete their own project at home. This can be based on their history, geography or science theme, or something that interests them. We will showcase them in class on the last week of each half term.