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Year 3/4 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back, I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. We have had a great start so far to the school year and look forward to the exciting year ahead.

Our Themes

Our first theme is 'The Dark Ages'. We will be travelling back in time to find out about different invaders and settlers: the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Norse. We will learn about archaeological treasures and look closely at the Bayeux Tapestry. After half term, our theme will be 'Around the World in 20 Days'. We will be exploring the United Kingdom, France and the USA and to create a holiday brochure for a destination.

English

There will be many different writing opportunities during this term including writing an adventure story based on The Dark Ages and studying the poem of Beowulf. In the second half term the children will create their own fable to convey a moral and write persuasive leaflets. Within reading we will be developing our comprehension skills. We will continue developing our spelling and grammar, using these skills to improve our writing and using the correct terminology to discuss what we have used and why.

Maths

We will be covering many areas in maths this term. This includes: place value, 2D and 3D shapes, length (including perimeter, statistics, written and mental methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). There will also be a real focus on learning the times tables and related division facts.

Science

In the first half term, we are going to be rock detectives. We will be observing and comparing rocks; identifying and describing them. We will carry out experiments, making sure that our tests are fair and we will be recording our findings mathematically and in writing. We will look at how rocks are formed and why rocks are different and we will be developing our scientific vocabulary. In the second half term we will be exploring 'Our Changing World'. We will be investigating how plants change throughout the year and explore the plants that grow within our school grounds.

Home Learning

Home Learning activities shall be set at the beginning of each half term. The children will be given a choice of six activities to choose from. Their completed work will be shared with the class and celebrated at the end of every half term. In addition, spellings, reading activities and maths homework will also be sent home on a weekly basis.

**HOME
LEARNING**

Reading Books

We should have our reading books and records in school every day and should read at home as often as we can. Children should be reading with an adult where possible so that the adults can ask them questions about what they have read to check their understanding.



PE

We should have our kit in school every day. This should consist of shorts and T-shirt for when we do PE activities indoors and tracksuits are useful (even essential) for times we are outdoors and using the field, particularly on cold days! We need plimsoles for indoor games and some dance activities, however bare feet are best for gymnastics. Trainers are essential for outdoor games as well as lunchtime activities.

This half term, the children will continue working with Sam Loomes every **Wednesday afternoon** who works within the curriculum to ensure each individual is being challenged to their ability. These PE lessons are designed to work core skills (for example, throwing and catching/hand eye co-ordination) and consist of a warm up which will progress into an activity where a specific skill will be put into practice in a game situation at the end. Sam strives to make every lesson fun and enjoyable to make sure the children are putting full effort into it to maximise their performance and development.



We thank you for your support with your child's learning. Please feel free to see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Miss Seward