

# Autumn Term 2021



# Year 4

Year 4 is taught by Miss Ratcliffe. Support is provided by Mrs Pedder.

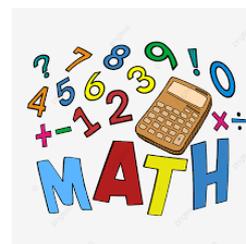
### English

This term, we will focus on looking at non-chronological reports, formal letters, instructions and character descriptions. Writing will be closely connected with the reading focus. There will be a strong focus on grammar and punctuation and we will also concentrate on sentence structure and the use of adjectives and adverbs. Handwriting skills will be developed to improve fluency and neatness throughout the year. Children should read daily – a variety of books (fiction and non-fiction), as well as their school reading book. Reading record books must be kept up to date and a brief review written of every other school book completed. There are questions on the inside cover of the reading record.



### Mathematics

This term will focus mainly on place value and number. Children will be using the four number operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Key to this work will be learning multiplication and division facts, so support at home would be very much appreciated in preparation for the multiplication tables check at the end of year 4. In all of these areas, a key focus will be reasoning and problem solving. Children will carry out investigations to develop their skills of reasoning about numbers, this will help consolidate their understanding further. We will also have an arithmetic lesson weekly to develop mental strategies.



### Topic

The theme of the topic this term is Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The Topic will include how and why the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings invaded and settled in England. There will be a focus on how they lived, their beliefs and customs and their legacy. Art and D.T. work will use the history as a context including using structures to make Anglo-Saxon houses, making clay models and printing.



## RE/PSHCE

Work will focus on the theme of friends and relationships both between themselves and within the Bible. We will be reading and discussing stories from the Bible which look at why God chose people as messengers, focussing on David. Work will also focus on Christmas.



## Music

Children will learn to recognise repeated rhythmic patterns and perform a repeated pattern to a steady pulse. They will learn how rhythms can be described through rhythmic symbols (notation) and how rhythmic patterns are often used in music. Children will invent lyrics to fit set rhythm patterns.



## PE

In PE the emphasis will be on the basic skills that can be applied to a range of sports. The children will develop skills of striking, passing and tactics. The Sports coach will cover Fun and Fitness in the first half term and move onto ball skills and Invasion Games in the second half.



## French

The topic areas will be: Days of the week and months of the year, Parts of the body and Clothes and Counting. Within these areas children will learn key vocabulary and simple sentence structures. They will practise speaking and writing in French.



## Computing

The children will develop their understanding of keeping safe when using technology. They will recap skills learnt previously such as saving work to a specific place, retrieving saved work and typing word documents. They will develop word processing skills including formatting pictures, inserting tables and changing page layout.



## **Helpful information:**

### **PE:**

Week 1-

- Tuesday
- Thursday

Week 2-

- Wednesday
- Thursday

Please ensure that children have an outdoor PE kit (tracksuit and trainers). Earrings must be removed.

### **Homework:**

**Reading** - 15 to 20 minutes daily (preferably with an adult, discussing plot, setting, characters, etc). Short review/answer questions on completion of every other school book. Reading books will be given out on Tuesday to be returned on the following Monday so they can be changed ready for Tuesday.

**Maths/English** - Weekly (issued Friday, return by the following Friday for marking).

**Spellings** - Issued Friday. Short daily practice. Test on the following Thursday.

**Times Tables Rock Stars** – Please ensure that children are practising their times tables on TTRS for at least 10 minutes daily.