

# Autumn Term 2020



## Year 4

Year 4 is taught by Miss Edge. Support is provided by Mrs James and Mrs Jahangir.

### English

The term will focus on a range of fiction and non-fiction genres, looking at structure, setting and development of characters, poetry, non-chronological reports formal letters and magazine articles. Writing will be closely connected with the reading focus. Grammar and punctuation will concentrate on sentence structure and the use of adjectives and adverbs.



Handwriting skills will be developed to improve fluency and neatness. 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 ideas for book reports on the inside cover of the reading record.

### Mathematics

This term, children will study the number system – place value of whole numbers up to 10,000 and calculations using the four number operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Key to this work will be learning multiplication and division facts and number bonds up to 20, so support at home would be very much appreciated. Measurement involving length and perimeter will also be taught as a focus area over the term. In all of these areas a key focus will be problem solving. Children will carry out investigations and develop skills of reasoning about numbers and number puzzles.

### 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 be connected to the topic including making 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

The children will learn how music can be used descriptively and how the musical elements can be used and combined to describe different animals. They will create sequences of sound in response to the movements of a chosen animal. Children will be learning about 'The Carnival of the Animals' by Saint-Saëns.



## PE

In PE the emphasis will be on the basic skills that can be applied to a range of sport. 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 Invasion Games in the second half.

## French

The topic areas will be: Days of the week and months of the year, Colours, 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 Tuesday  
Wednesday

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

Spelling test – Friday

## **Homework:**

- Reading - 15 to 20 minutes daily (preferably with an adult, discussing plot, setting, characters, etc)  
Short review on completion of every other book.
- Maths/English - weekly (issued Friday, return by Wednesday)
- Spelling - issued Friday. Short daily practice. Test on Thursday
- Topic/Science - research and preparation as appropriate