

Welcome Back Year 3 /4



After a lovely break it is great to see so many happy children who are ready to learn. This term our topic is the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. We will be focussing on the invasion and where these people came from.

English

We will be taking plenty of opportunities to write this term. We have just started looking at 'How to Train your Viking' and have begun to start exploring the setting of the Isle of Berk. We will be using these setting descriptions to begin to write our own adventure story as if we were a dragon like Toothless. Later in the term we will be writing haikus based on the Vikings and learning what different Norse place names mean. Once we have secured our knowledge of how the Vikings invaded we will be writing persuasive leaflets persuading other Vikings to invade Britain.

We will be doing guided reading as a whole class focussing on 'How to Train your Dragon'. We will be reading the book and using our comprehension skills to explore it in detail. After half term we will be looking at 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'.

Maths

In Mathematics we will initially be focusing upon securing the children's knowledge of Place Value. For Year 3, this will include recognising the value of each digit in a 3-digit number, ordering numbers and counting in multiples of 50 and 100. Year 4 will be working with 4-digit numbers and counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000. We will then progress onto further number work including addition and subtraction. Maths will be taught visually (through bar models and diagrams), using concrete objects (such as counters and dienes) and in the abstract form (applying their knowledge and solving problems). We will also focus upon providing clear mathematical explanations about their methods and thinking.

Diary Dates

Class Assembly - 6th November (2pm)

Tullie House Trip - **TBC** 15th November

Matilda Trip (All KS2) - 21st November

KS2 Christmas Performance – 12th December

PE

This term PE will be on a Monday and Thursday. PE kits should stay in school all week as things can change. The class will receive a golden token if everyone remembers their PE kit each week.



Homework

As always we expect all children to read to an adult for at least 10 minutes every day in order to secure their fluency and understanding. This includes discussing what they have read.

Only reading needs to be recorded in homework records. Please sign daily to show your child has read. Records will be checked on Monday and sent back out the same evening. Children who complete the 'Strive for 5' reading challenge each week will be entered into the reading raffle.

Maths homework will be set via Mathletics with 2 tasks being set (one will be revision and one based on current learning). We will also be introducing Times Tables Rock stars for children to practise their times tables. Login details will be sent home for these and children will be reminded of how to access.

Inside homework books will also be a copy of this terms topic homework challenge. This will be clearly explained in their books.

Any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Ellwood