



## Parent/School Termly Information

Class: Amethyst H & L Term: Autumn Term 2

*Our topic this term is: How did the Vikings live?*

*The main subject focus is: History, RE, English, DT, Science*

### General Information

#### P.E Days and times

Please note that all pupils should not be wearing earrings or studs for P.E. We advise that children do not wear their earrings to school on PE days unless they can remove them themselves. Children must have school P.E. kit including appropriate footwear (preferably trainers due to the outdoor surfaces) in order to participate in P.E. activities. PE lessons will be taking place on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

#### Water Bottles & Fruit Snack

Children may bring a fruit snack for break time and a bottle of water that they can use throughout the day. (Children may bring a drink of squash for their packed lunch box but must drink water in the classroom.)

#### Educational Visits

None scheduled.

#### Homework

Daily Reading: Children are expected to read independently at home daily and with parents/carers five times a week. When reading to an adult the story and characters should be talked about and new words discussed. Parents should sign their reading record book as evidence of the shared reading experience and these are to be handed in and checked.

Times Tables Practise: Every week the children are expected to spend time at home learning times tables and corresponding division facts, appropriate to their learning level. Children will be doing 3 Times Tables Rockstars worksheets throughout the week and their scores will be uploaded to the online site. All children have logins for TT Rockstars and are encouraged to use this at home for extra practise.

Spellings: Children will be given a list of 10 words to learn each week and spelling tests will take place on a Monday for Amethyst H and a Friday for Amethyst L. In addition to these ongoing tasks, weekly homework activities will be set each Friday and are due in the following Thursday. These will be focused around the children's learning in English and Maths. One homework in the term will be linked to their topic subject; this will give the children an opportunity to be creative.

## Curriculum Targets

Children will continue to have personalised targets to support them in their learning and each one is unique to them.

English: Children to use their Year 4 target sheets to support working towards their writing targets.

Maths: Children will continue to develop their mental maths strategies through their work and for Early Work activities. Children will be doing 3 Times Tables Rockstars worksheets throughout the week and their scores will be uploaded to the online site. All children have logins for TT Rockstars and are encouraged to use this at home for extra practise.

## Curriculum Subjects

### Main areas to be covered

#### English

This unit will be based around *How to Train Your Dragon*; a story about Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third whose father is chief of the Hairy Hooligan tribe which means Hiccup is the Hope and the Heir to the Hairy Hooligan throne - but he finds it hard to be the hero. We will read and discuss this text, exploring the themes of courage and loyalty; appreciating how a character changes through the course of a story; progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and assessing the effectiveness of our own and others' writing and suggesting improvements.

#### Mathematics

We will be following the 'Maths! No Problem' scheme of work throughout Year 4 – the aim is broaden their knowledge and secure it by teaching and learning particular topics of maths in detail and depth. This will ensure that the children have a secure understanding of the topic and feel confident before moving on to something new.

## Learning and Life Skills

This term we are focusing on the whole school theme '**Celebrating difference**'. This unit is one of a series designed to support pupils developing Life and Learning Skills - these are skills that are fundamental to learning and performance in education, work and life. The objective of the learning unit is to build the children's awareness of their own unique skills and attributes and what they can bring to the school community.

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History – This term we will learn about the influences of the Vikings on British history: who the Vikings were, where they came from, how they travelled here, what their warriors were like and how they lived.

DT– Our DT this term will revolve around designing our own Christmas biscuits. We will taste existing biscuits and will use these to inspire our own recipes. We will also design packaging for our biscuits.

Science – This unit will build on the children's knowledge of different states of matter (solid, liquid and gas). They will also learn how to use thermometers and will set up enquiries about matter changing from one state to another.

PE – PE this term will cover Dance and continue to develop Hockey skills. In Hockey, children will learn a range of passing techniques as well as how to work as a team to win an invasion game.

Computing – This term children will learn simple programming techniques using Purple Mash and Turtle Logo. These can also be accessed for free at home.

RE – This term we will focus on the next of our values – Respect. Children will also have a block of RE learning at the end of term, focussing on how Christians celebrate Christmas around the World.

## Other Notes

Please could you continue to check your child's book bag every day for letters and remind them to pass on completed replies to us in the morning.

Parent Helpers -Please come and talk to us if you would like to become a parent reader. In order to come in and help you need to be DBS checked (police checked) and this can take quite a while. If you would like to help please talk to one of us and get a DBS form from the office. Thank you.

PE lessons – if your child is unable to take part in PE due to injury or illness please could you write a brief note explaining the circumstances.

If you have any concerns or would like some advice on how to support your child with their homework our door is always open, and we shall endeavour to address your concerns or queries by the end of a day. Please do not leave any issues you have un-heard, share them, and in particular do not leave them to fester over a weekend!

### Key Dates-

Termly Learning Conferences are on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

KS2 Carol Service ~ TBC (a letter will be sent out regarding dates, location and time)

Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day is Thursday 13th December

*Class teachers:* Miss Harris & Mr Loveland

*Date:* November 2018