

## English

During this term, we will be exploring a range of different genres including narrative, non-fiction as well as character descriptions. Links will be made to our topic, where possible. Through regular reading comprehension lessons, we will be addressing reading objectives. Plus, presentation, spelling, grammar and punctuation will be a constant focus throughout this year.

## Design and Technology

In DT, we will be focusing on textiles. We will consider a range of factors in their design criteria and use this to create a design linked to Christmas.

## Geography

In geography, Class 4 will learn all about Scandinavia exploring the location, features and culture of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. We will find out how the climates differ in various areas of Scandinavia, explore spectacular scenery and learn about the culture and lifestyle in Scandinavian countries.

## Music

In music, we will learn to identify the pitch and rhythm of written notes and then experiment with notating their compositions in different ways to help develop their understanding of staff notation.

## French

We will be continuing to develop our knowledge of French culture and language.

## Mathematics

Throughout this term, the children will continue to develop their numeracy skills through regular practise of basic skills, focused sessions on developing new skills and a range of problem-solving activities. The children will be undertaking activities which will develop their knowledge of place value and the four operations. We will be continuing to consolidate our times tables knowledge up to  $12 \times 12$ .

### Class 4 Autumn Term 2023

#### Vikings vs Anglo-Saxons

This term our topic is exploring the Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons. We will be working as history detectives to piece together the fragments from the past, as well as exploring Scandinavia in our Geography lessons.

Our whole school topic this term is 'Black History'. The children will participate in mixed age group activities as well as focusing on age-appropriate tasks.

Our whole school topic day will celebrate languages in our school and beyond.

## Art and Design

Our art topic this term will see the children revisit their still life skills, creating a variety of pieces influenced by different artists and using a range of mediums. They use charcoal, erasers and paint to depict their chosen composition.

## Religious Education

Our two questions we will be exploring this term are: 'What does it mean for Christians to believe that God is holy and loving?' and 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?'

## Physical Education

In P.E this term we will be playing hockey, tag rugby, netball and football.

## How you can help

Please support your child at home by reading for 20 minutes every night and signing their reading diaries ready. Part of their homework is to have a quick recall of multiplication and division facts up to  $12 \times 12$  using TT Rockstars to support his. Also, Century Tech regularly to identify and close gaps in learning. In addition to their homework, you could encourage your child to find some books about our topics in the library or find some relevant information on the internet. Please ask if you need any further advice on the above. Thank you 🙏

## Science

Our science topic this term is Earth and Space. We will be learning all about movement of the Sun, Earth and Moon, day and night, seasons and phases of the Moon. We will also be learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats' and studying different life cycles.

## History

Class 4 will go on a fascinating journey back in time as they find out about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England and how England became a unified country. We will explore where the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came from, how they fought for territory and power, and how their fighting ultimately led to the kingdom of England we know today.

## Computing

In computing, we will be identifying some of the types of data that the Mars Rover collects and explaining how it transmits the data back to Earth. We will also be exploring search engines using keywords and phrases, identifying inaccurate information and learning page rank.

## PSHE

In PSHE, we will be continuing with our 'Jigsaw' lessons. Our focus for the half terms are 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.