

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

Spring 1

Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely Christmas and New Year and you're ready to return to school!

Our topic this half term is



Below is an overview of what we will be learning over the next half term.

English

As part of our topic we will be discovering Roman Britain, Anglo Saxons and Vikings. The children will focus on writing soliloquies, myths and historical narratives, based on a number of historical figures like Romulus and Remus, Boudicca and Julius Caesar. As part of our topic the legend of Thor and the myth of Peg Powler will also be studied. We will use these stories as inspiration to create our own myths and legends and character profiles!

Maths

In maths we will build on our knowledge of multiplication and division, working on recalling number facts and solving problems. We will also move on to look at measurement of length, weight and time before working on area. It is important that the children continue to learn their timestables at home to aid them with their work in school.

Science

In science we will begin states of matter. We will work on describing properties of a liquid, solid and gas and look at the changes that take place. We will learn about particles and we will be conducting a range of practical experiments to enhance our learning.

Topic

Our 'Traders, Raiders and Warriors' topic will allow us to research the Roman Empire, Anglo Saxons and Vikings, and how this has affected our life today. We will use maps and online resources to compare Britain to Italy and improve our locational knowledge and Human and Physical geography.

ICT

We will be using our computer skills to film, edit, improve and evaluate videos. This unit will allow the children to explore a range of digital devices and software.

Important Information

Reading - please read at home each night with your child. It is extremely important that children are reading regularly to support their learning and allow them to take quizzes. We will be keeping track of how many times children read and rewards will be given to those who read a minimum of 5 times each week!

Homework Grids - Homework grids must be completed by the last Thursday of each half term. Please ensure homework books are brought in each Thursday so that they can be kept up to date. We will be keeping a record of completed homework across the term.

PE - Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school including black / navy shorts, tracksuit bottoms, white / house colour t-shirt and plimsolls. PE is on a Tuesday and Friday each week.

Dates for your diary - 22.1.18 - Trip to Segedunum - Bus leaves at 8.50am so please be on time!