

Year 4 Spring Newsletter

January 2018

Dear Parents,

The children have settled back into school life well and are enjoying the start of the new term. They are particularly interested in our new topic about The Vikings.

A date for your diary: Thursday, February 8th from 1.30 - 3.00. We would like to invite you to an open session in the classrooms when we shall be sewing Viking purses or small money containers. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Curriculum

<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Science / DT</u>
Our English work will include playscripts, poetry and letter writing. After half term, we will be involved in a book study. To start the unit, the children will be English detectives, trying to work out the mystery book. Alongside all of this, we will be continuing our regular guided reading sessions.	In Maths, we will be continuing to focus on all areas of number and place value. The children will be using and applying their skills and knowledge to real life scenarios. They will also be focussing on data, measures, shape, fractions and decimals.	The Science units we will cover are Teeth, Digestion and Nutrients this half term with Electricity after half term. The electricity focus will incorporate a design and technology unit of making an alarm.
<u>Topic</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>PE</u>
Our History focus is The Vikings when we will be studying evidence to try to decide whether they were raiders or traders. Habitats is our Science topic for the second half term. We will also be using our Art, D.T, Dance and Computing time to really bring the units to life.	In Music, we will focussing on the song Angels by Robbie Williams and Mamma Mia from Charanga.	We will be developing our skills and sportsmanship by playing basketball and football in games. We will also be creating some Viking dances and developing our gymnastic skills.

Homework

Thank you for the encouragement and support that you are giving your children when completing homework. Homework will continue to be Maths or English in addition to spellings and tables. Homework will still be handed out on a Friday and expected in on a Tuesday. Please try to read with your child at least three times a week. Well done to those children who have successfully completed any of their Reading Ambassador Awards.

Thank you for your time.

The Year 4 Team.