

English

Our Tower is the first text that we will be using in Year 4 this term. This will explore the differences between the characters in the book and our own lives. We will explore the text and look at different grammar techniques that we can mimic in our own story.

In Guided reading, we will be looking **Fantastic Forests** and exploring the features of non-fiction texts.

Spelling: We will continue to work on our Year 4 spelling list and using Super Hero Spellings to help us to learn spelling rules.

We will also be reading a range of texts that link to our topic.

Maths

Multiplication and Division: We will begin by revisiting the multiplication facts that we have already explored along with learning about factors and multiples. We will use factors to help us solve larger multiplication problems. We will be multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 before moving on to explore fractions.

Things are hotting up with our TTRockstar challenges too, ready for the Multiplication check in the summer term.

Understanding the World

History: We will be learning about what life was like in Anglo-Saxon and Viking times. We will also look at how the two fought for the kingdom of England.

RE: We will be exploring a selection of creation stories and looking at how different religions explain how the Earth came to be.

Spanish: We will be learning how to present ourselves in Spanish.



Year 4 Spring Term 1 Settling Saxons and Vicious Vikings



Understanding Science and Technology

Science: We will be investigating living things and their habitats through fun and practical activities. We will explore and use classification keys to help us group and identify a variety of living things in our local and wider environment. We will be creating booklets about the animals that live in our local area.

DT: We will be making links to our History topic by constructing our own wooden Anglo Saxon homes.

Computing: We will be looking at programming this half term with a focus on constructing shapes.

Understanding our Health and Well-Being

PE: We will be continuing our swimming lessons this term, along with cricket sessions with our cricket coach.

PSHCE: We will be learning about 'Dreams and Goals'. We will explore how to stay motivated and the importance of a positive attitude.



Understanding Arts and Culture

Art: We will be exploring the work of various artists and using this work to inspire our very own wire sculptures. We will also be looking at sculptures in the local area.

Music: We will be starting a new music topic, looking at piano skills. We will also be learning different notations in music.



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Our School Values: Resilient, Persistent, Self-Motivated, Risk-Takers, Creative, Good Citizens, Entrepreneurial

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring term. We hope that everyone had a relaxing Christmas break and that everyone is ready for our busy, busy term. Please find overleaf details about what your child will be learning in class over this half-term. Weekly homework will be set in homework books. We would encourage you to please spend some time at home each week practising the spellings and times tables we are working on in class. Please also read together with your child every day as it really does make such an enormous difference to their ability to read with fluency, confidence and understanding; reading records should be in book bags daily.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Brown, Miss Allen and Miss Begum.