



Class 4JS November 2016

Please have a look at what we will be doing this half term.

I hope everybody has had an enjoyable half term break. I wanted to provide you with some important information about your child's education for the rest of this term. Our main theme this half term is Anglo-Saxons. We will learn all about the Anglo-Saxons, their daily life, beliefs and their origins.

Literacy

In literacy we will be continuing our study of a children's version of Beowulf. This classic children's text will be used to develop diary and letter writing and it will also be used as inspiration for our own story and descriptive writing.

As always children will be given new spellings to learn each week on a Monday, in a format that will make it easy for them to practise each night in preparation for a weekly test the following Monday. Please ensure your children work on their spellings throughout the week before handing them back in the following Monday.

Numeracy

In numeracy we will be continuing with our 'number work' focusing on the understanding of fractions and place value of whole and decimal numbers. We will still be looking at shape and measures too as well as methods of handling data. All children should by now know most of their times tables as these are of enormous benefit in a variety of ways. By the end of year 4 it is expected that all children will

know all of the times tables up to 12 x 12. We will also work hard to apply our knowledge and understanding of mathematics to solve problems and puzzles in a variety of contexts.

Science.

In science we will be exploring physical science by learning about sound, how it is made and how sound travels. We will investigate the link between volume and the amount of vibration created, looking for patterns in our data to draw our own conclusions.

RE

In RE we will be learning about the Christian community and what it means to belong to a faith group. We will continue to explore Christian festivals in more detail, and of course extend our understanding of the Christmas story.

ICT

In the ICT suite we will be looking at how to keep ourselves safe when using computers and other technologies, including mobile technologies such as iPads.

We will also use a variety of software to develop our creative use of ICT to create digital art. Additionally we will develop our coding and blogging skills and create

presentations to share our learning.

PE

PE will continue to be on Monday and Thursday and children will require full kit (plain red shorts and plain white t-shirt) including appropriate footwear; jewellery is not to be worn on these days due to the safety issues.

Foundation subjects.

Our learning about Anglo-Saxons will begin with where they originated and why they settled in Britain. We will go on and look at their daily life, their beliefs, clothing and conversion to Christianity. We will also look at runes and traces of Anglo Saxon settlements in place names.

We will be developing our business and enterprise skills throughout the term with lots of fun, practical activities that will support our learning in all subjects. Another busy half term – we can hardly wait to get started!

Class information

All children have been issued with new reading books and will be expected to read **everyday at home**. Regular reading practice will help your child not only with their reading but also their writing in literacy and other subject areas.

As ever, I am always available after school to answer any concerns you may have about your child, so please feel free to come and discuss any worries or questions you may have with myself or Mrs Hawksley.

Mrs J Stevens.