



Our theme this term is '1066 - Who Shot the Arrow?'

Year 4 - Spring term

Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed the holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the topics your children will be studying during this exciting term.

Spellings/Homework

Spellings will be handed out every Monday. A spelling test will be carried out the following Monday. Homework will also be set on a Monday and children will be made aware of the return date.

Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night as regular reading at home makes a real difference to a child's progress. If you could ask your child a few questions after they have finished reading this helps with their understanding of the book. Children are encouraged to read a variety of book genres, so they don't have to read their school book every night. Whatever your child reads, please record it in their reading record log.

PE: PE lessons will take place every Monday. As well as their indoor kit, please ensure that your child brings suitable outdoor kit and footwear for PE. Earrings must not be worn on PE days. Thank you for your help with this.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Discussion texts
- Poetry
- Narrative writing
- Non-chronological reports
- Playscripts
- Stories from other cultures
- Persuasive writing

Guided reading will take place every day and our written work will be based around George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Using the 4 operations to find missing numbers
- Finding fractions of amounts
- Applying the 4 operations to problem solving
- Converting measures of length, mass and capacity
- Interpreting data from graphs

By the end of year 4 your child is expected to know all of the time tables up to 12 x 12. I would appreciate if you could support your child in learning the times tables at home.

Science: In Science we will be investigating electricity and how it works. The children will gain an understanding of electrical safety and how it powers our everyday items. Learning will be supported by practical activities and investigations – children will make their own circuits and apply it to a project. We are planning a visit the Street Life Museum to participate in an exciting 'Shocking Electricity' experience. More details will follow shortly.

RE / PSHCE

In RE we will be focusing on Saints and Heroes. We will explore St James, St Frances and St Valentine and what they represent.

Our PSCHE lessons will focus on 'Being me in our World'.

History / Geography

Our learning in History and Geography lessons will focus on how the Normans lived and the Battle of Hastings. We will also be researching countries around the world, focusing on Central America, using iPads to broaden our knowledge of the world around us.

Art / DT

In Art and DT we will be designing our own Norman castle which we will then make out of clay. We will also be designing and creating carnival headdresses.

ICT / MFL

In ICT we will be further developing our word-processing skills, learning how to research a chosen topic and how to present findings in a PowerPoint.

Children will continue learning French taught by our visiting French teacher.

Music/PE:

This half term we are looking at different styles of music and their style indicators and melodies. We will explore different rhythm, pulse and syncopation that make up accompaniments. We will also build on previous learning by using musical vocabulary to describe different sounds within the music.

In PE, the children will be taking part in rugby lessons with a coach from Hull Kingston Rovers.

Finally...I am looking forward to having a chance to meet you over the next few weeks. If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact myself - Miss Robinson, Mrs Eden or Mr Allen at the end of the day.