

Year 4 – Orange Class News - Summer term 2024

Dear parents and carers,

A very warm welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for the busy term ahead.

Our theme for this term is the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. In history, we will learn who the Vikings were and where they settled in England. Children will study significant events from this period and learn about life as a Viking. We will be linking this to our geography lessons, where children will study settlement and land use. As part of our map work, children will see how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings influenced place names used today.

This topic links to our first English unit, 'Monster Slayer', which is a story based on the tale of Beowulf. Children will continue to improve their use of adverbial phrases, create characters and settings, and use the power of three. Later in the term, children will write their own sea myth. We will also look at non-fiction writing, including instructions and information texts. Our poetry this term will be based on animals.

Our maths will begin with understanding decimal numbers and then move onto money. Later in the term, we will learn to tell the time to the nearest minute, investigate quadrilaterals and triangles, and understand positional language. Throughout the term, we will continue to practice our multiplication facts in preparation for the Year 4 Multiplication Check. These tests will be taken during the week beginning 3rd June 2024. It is essential you continue to support your child's learning of these at home.

Please take a look at the class topic web on the school website to find out more.

It is essential to continue with the homework tasks each week. Giving time to support your child's learning really does help them be confident learners in school.

Reading:

Please ensure your child is reading for at least 15 minutes, three times a week. Now that children are older, they may not always want to read aloud to you. However, it is still important to have reading time to check that they have understood what they have read, know the meanings of new words, know how new words may be pronounced etc. Please continue to record your child's reading in their reading diary so that I can see what types of books they are enjoying, that they are reading age appropriate texts, and help with any difficulties they may be having. Alongside reading at home, children will also read to adults in school individually or during guided reading.

Times Tables & Maths:

Please continue to use Maths Shed each week. I would like children to focus on playing the MTC games in preparation for the tables check. Other useful websites for practising times tables are:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>

Spelling:

Please continue to practise spellings on Spelling Shed. I teach a spelling rule each week and set work based on this. Alongside the online games, children may practise their spellings in their home learning book. It is often helpful to write the spelling in a sentence to ensure the meaning of the word is also embedded. I will occasionally send home worksheets to consolidate skills as well.

Keeping active and healthy:

Our PE session is on a Thursday. As the weather will be variable this term, your child may wish to bring in a pair of black leggings or tracksuit trousers for when the weather is cold. Our forest school session will take place every other Friday. Please ensure your child has a long-sleeved top, comfortable trousers and suitable footwear for this. I will let you know when we are going to be starting these.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school. Children have free access to these throughout the day and it is important that they stay hydrated. Snacks for morning break are also encouraged but please ensure snacks are healthy and avoid sugary treats. As the weather improves, children will also need a named sun hat and will need to apply sun cream before coming to school.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo.

Best wishes,

Miss Blake