



'Being Better Every Day'

Wednesday 18th December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 3

Next term, we are looking forward to learning about Anglo- Saxons and Viking settlers. This term, the children enjoyed learning all about Rivers and we hope that that they enjoy our next unit of work in the same way.

In **Term 3**, our unit title is **'Raiders and Traders'**. There will be a big focus on **History** in this topic.

In this unit, we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxon and Viking settlers who came to Britain.

We will look at how this period connected to other periods of history. We will also study the similarities and differences between Anglo– Saxon and Viking life. During this unit we will also look at what everyday life was like in Anglo-Saxon and Viking villages. We will then investigate how they fought each other and lived peacefully at different times until the Norman Conquest in 1066.

During this unit, your child will attempt to answer the concept question:

What were the similarities and differences between Anglo-Saxon and Viking life?



(We have attached a 'Knowledge Organiser', providing an overview of the unit; this should be a useful resource for pupils and parents.)

Curriculum Project

For each unit, we will ask your child to complete a home-learning project. We ask that every child has a go at completing a project that can be brought into school. For this unit we have listed possible ideas below.

- Show on a map (electronic or paper) the journey which the Vikings took to Britain
- Make a Viking Helmet or build a Viking Longboat
- With the help of an adult, make Anglo Saxon Honey Shortbread using this recipe <https://guides.brit.co/guides/bake-anglo-saxon-honey-shortbread>
- Research Anglo Saxon Patterns. Can you design your own? What colours did they use?
- Select one of the countries which the Vikings came from (Norway, Denmark, Sweden) and conduct research about that country.

Alternatively, your child may want to do something completely different! Your child may wish to complete their project by themselves or need your support in completing their project – either is fine and we look forward to see them.



We have also included a list of websites you could explore at home to help your child with their learning:

Useful Websites:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6/articles/zjcxwty>
- https://www.ducksters.com/history/middle_ages_vikings.php
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/vikings.html>
- <https://www.keystagehistory.co.uk/keystage-2/outstanding-lessons-keystage-2/viking-britain/>
- https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_history/british_history/_the_vikings/the_vikings.html
- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/10-facts-about-the-vikings/>

Home learning projects should be completed by the week beginning **w/b 10^h February 2025**. If you have any questions about the home learning project, please contact your child's class teacher.

Reading

The children have been really enjoying our 'Destination Reader' work in class. Our next shared book will be **"The Firework Makers Daughter"** by Phillip Pullman.

Homework

Please continue to encourage daily reading and home reading records can be brought in and will be signed once a week.

Reading is the single most important skill that children will learn and we expect every child to read at home every day. In Year 4, we expect every child to read with an adult for a minimum of **15 minutes** every day. Reading takes on many forms and can take place just about anywhere, including the reading of labels and signs, and in magazines and comics. Parents and carers should record the daily reading activity in your child's reading record.

We would also like the children to be practising their times tables every day for at least **15 minutes**. The children all have an individual account for **Times Table Rock Stars** which they can use to support their learning. The aim is for our Year 4 children to know their times tables really well by the end of the school year.

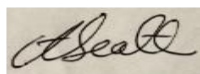
Additional homework tasks may also be completed from the 'menu' of tasks that will be sent home next term.

PE

This term, our PE lessons will take place on **Wednesday** afternoons. Your child should continue to wear a suitable PE kit to school on this day.

We hope your child has enjoyed their first two terms in Year 4 and we would like to wish you all a very happy new year!

Yours sincerely,



Ms Seath
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