



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term - 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

English

- Our class reading book this half term is *The Saga Of Erik The Viking*. Next half term we will read and deliver a range of performance poetry.
- In addition to our class readers, we will be reading a range of other texts, including short stories, poems and many pieces of non-fiction, linking these to our Topics as much as possible. These genres will be reflected in the range of writing that children produce.
- Pupils will be encouraged to proof read, edit and improve their writing before producing final versions for an audience to read.
- Correct grammar will continue to be a major focus. This will include understanding Standard English and knowing when to use it.
- Pupils will be extending their understanding of sentence structures and their use of precise vocabulary to create a desired effect.



Mathematics



- We will be consolidating knowledge of multiplication and division facts to 12x12 and identifying factors and multiples.
- Formal written methods of addition, subtraction and multiplication will be applied to multi-step problem solving. These will often focus on fractions and decimals.
- Pupils will extend their understanding of shapes' properties and will learn to measure and draw angles using a protractor.
- The class will learn to convert between different units of metric measures used to measure distance, mass and capacity.
- Children will develop their confidence in using co-ordinates to complete shapes and translate them on a grid.
- We will continue to focus on investigations this term, encouraging confidence and independent exploration of mathematics.

Cornerstones Topic - Traders & Raiders

Year Four met Thorgill the Viking last week, as an introduction to this half term's history based topic about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They will begin by learning about the Anglo-Saxon heptarchy and how this changed as the Vikings became a stronger force in our country. They will shortly be designing and building models of Anglo-Saxon houses. Later in the term, pupils will learn about the Vikings' love of exploration and find out where they settled and how they lived in Britain. Throughout the half term, pupils will explore various different uses of Microsoft Excel.



Cornerstones Topic - Playlist

Our topic next half term has a science and music focus. The science aspect will focus on sound. Pupils will learn how we hear sounds, how sounds are made and how sound travels. They will design and make their own musical instruments based on their scientific understanding of how sounds are made. They will develop their own musical skills by playing instruments and by learning to read basic notation. Pupils will listen to range of musical styles and identify key features of each. They will also find out about famous musicians.

Religious Education & PSHE

Our main RE focus this term will be religious books. We will be learning why certain books are important in different religions as well as exploring some of their contents. Our PSHE will focus on respecting and supporting each other.



Physical Education



In PE we will be swimming every Tuesday and learning summer sports skills or athletic skills every Thursday. It is important that pupils have the correct kit for all PE sessions.

In addition to the above, the children will be participating in foreign language lessons.

Homework

- Pupils are should do at least 25 minutes of homework each night. This includes number facts recall, spelling, handwriting and reading.
- In addition to the above, written homework will be given weekly to re-enforce basic skills in English and maths. This homework is set on a Thursday and is to be returned to school on the following Monday.

