

## Year 4 Summer 2 Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last half term has been very exciting! The children have worked really hard across the curriculum and produced some work to be proud of! There were a variety of highlights over the half term; one in particular the children really enjoyed was the Anglo Saxon day. The children were thrilled as they were able to hold real life artefacts, discuss Anglo Saxon battle tactics and they became real Anglo Saxon warriors in battle using swords and shields! Another aspect of the half term the children really enjoyed was our book – The Iron Man. All the children delved into the book and put 100% into writing some very exciting newspaper reports, which put a huge smile of their teachers' faces. A final aspect of the curriculum which the children truly enjoyed was our DT project. They produced some absolutely breath-taking lighthouses focused on using electrical circuits which we have showcased in the corridor.

As we move into Summer 2, we will continue to deliver a creative book curriculum. The learning this half term will be based around the book "At the Beach" by Roland Harvey. Overleaf, you will see how the subjects are linked into the theme your child will be experiencing and the links that have been made. There are also suggestions as to how to help your child at home, as this is all part of working together.

Please try to read with your child every night as this is an essential part of their learning. If your child reads every night and records it in their reading record, they will be entered in a raffle, which gives them the chance to win a whole set of books! It's also crucial to allow your child onto the TT Rockstars website to help develop their times table knowledge. This half term the children will sit a national test which is similar to the website so this additional practise will make a HUGE difference.

### Reminders:

- As always, good attendance and punctuality is essential to maintain good progress.
- PE lessons are on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has a suitable kit that is brought in at the start of the week ready for the lessons.
- Library sessions are every week on a Tuesday and Friday lunchtime so please ensure your child is ready to return their library book on these days.
- Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled so that if items get lost they can be easily returned.

### Dates for Your Diary

Sports Day – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Enabling Enterprise trips for selected children – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Sports Week – 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information about this term's learning and how to support your child please feel free to speak to us at the end of the day, where we are more than happy to help.

We look forward to working with you and thank you very much for your continued support.

Miss H Steward

Year 4 Team Leader

## English

- Learn a model text recount before changing it to create their own.
- Explore recounts reports and their features and create their own recount based on the model text
- Further develop their understanding of grammar, spelling and punctuation

### How to help your child at home:

- Read every day with your child, asking questions about the text.
- Help your child with their grammar and reading comprehension homework.

## Maths

- Time/Measure problems
- Multiply and divide by 10/100
- Calculate area and angles
- Answer questions about statistics and money
- Revision of arithmetic, negative numbers & problem solving

### How to help your child at home:

- Help your child learn their times tables using TT Rockstars

## Science

The children will learn all about Living things. They will learn to:

- Classify animals using classification keys
- Discuss the impact of the changing environment
- Plan & conduct their own scientific experiments

### How to help your child at home:

- Develop their understanding of the Great Barrier Reef and the impact of climate change on it.

## Computing

The children will be exploring the differences between hardware and software as well as understanding the different parts that make up a computer. They will also learn how to search online effectively to find specific and relevant information.

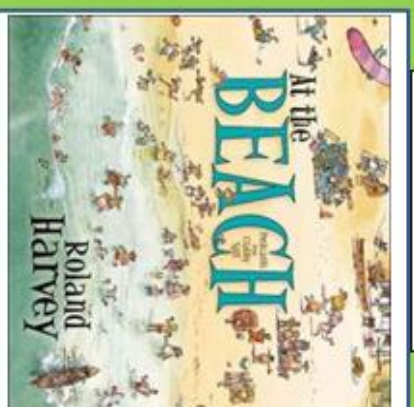
## History/Geography

The children will be exploring the Vikings. They will understand how they lived their lives and develop an understanding of their trade routes, key skills and the places they conquered.

## Art & DT

Your child will explore in detail the artist Lowry. They will be using his techniques and creating their own Lowry inspired pictures.

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### At the Beach by Roland Harvey

## PSHE/Circle Time

Your child will discuss the importance of growth mind-set, looking at how they can be positive in their learning. They will also discuss and learn about values, including British values and focusing in particular on the value of Health.

## RE

Children will explore the topic - 'How faith is expressed in Hindu communities and traditions'. They will explore the practices and beliefs of Hindus, as well as exploring their holy book and place of worship.

## PE

Your child will explore and develop a variety of skills in isolation and in combination through having the opportunity to participate in Tennis, Rounders and Athletics. They will play competitive games and apply the new skills.

## Music

The children will be exploring a variety of songs. They will be learning about rhythm, pitch and the use of percussion instruments