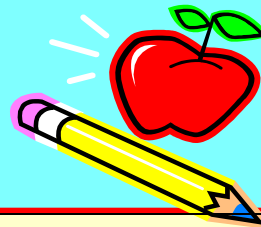


YEAR 4 NEWS



Autumn 2
Half Term

Dear parents/guardians,
Please find on this page an overview of our learning for this half term. As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me on the playground or write a note in the link book.

Maths

This half term we will be concentrating on the following aspects of maths:

- Doubling and halving 3 digit numbers
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Measures - g kg, ml L, reading scales
- Data - bar charts
- Rounding 4 digit numbers

We will be carrying out problem solving and reasoning activities on each of these areas to improve our mastery of the year 4 curriculum.

We will continue to improve our multiplication facts with weekly tests and speed tables.

RE

In RE we will continue to look at Baptism and Confirmation before looking at Judaism - our first other world faith of this year. Finally, we will look at advent and the gift of Jesus. We will learn about the meaning of a Christingle and look closer at some of the people in the Christmas story.

Topic

Our new topic is Anglo Saxons & Vikings. We will be looking at how the Vikings came to Britain, Anglo-Saxon Kings, Danegeld, Viking life, law and justice and the last Anglo-Saxon Kings. We will also be making a traditional Anglo-Saxon meal and having the Vikings coming to visit.

Literacy

Our literacy this half term will be based on the myths and legends text 'Beowulf'. We will be looking at descriptions with an emphasis on adjectives and adverbs and an improvement on vocabulary. We will then move on to writing our own myths and legends based on the theme of there being a 'hero' in the story.

Later in the half term, we will be looking at instruction writing, including writing a recipe for an Anglo-Saxon meal which we will also make and eat in school.

We will finish our topic by writing our own poems based upon our knowledge of the Anglo Saxons.

As part of our Christmas theme, we will be looking at Christmas poems and a Christmas themed book to base our final two weeks of literacy on.

In grammar we will be focusing on: adjectives, adverbs, singular/plural words, pronouns, verbs and sentence construction.

Our spelling patterns for this half term are:

-ation and -sion and homophones. We are learning the second column of spellings from the year3-4 word list.

Science

In science, we will be looking at 'Electricity'. We will look at appliances which run on battery and mains electricity, learn the functions of electrical components (batteries, bulbs, buzzers, wires and switches), and create simple circuits including a switch. We will carry out investigations and end by designing a Christmas display using working circuits.

Art

In art, we will be looking at the theme of 'autumn' and creating art with leaves. We will be drawing, making paper leaves and experimenting with colour.

Computing

In computing we will be programming a turtle by creating algorithms to make designs and create games/puzzles. We will be using our knowledge of turns to create 2D shapes with repeating algorithms.