

Year 4 Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our spring term; here is a brief overview of the things your children will be learning about this half term.

The children have really enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings we will continue to explore this period in our history lessons. There are some great resources available on BBC Bitesize to help your child learn more: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm>, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>

In English, we will be focussing on writing non-narrative texts this half term. The children will be writing an information page about an area of Anglo-Saxon life that, when finished, we will combine to create a Year 4 revision guide. The children will also be writing a diary entry from the point of view of an archaeologist unearthing Anglo-Saxon treasure. This will be based on the real-life story of Basil Brown discovering the Sutton Hoo ship burial. If you wish to help your children with the back story there are some fantastic photos and articles available at the British Museum website. <https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/death-and-memory/anglo-saxon-ship-burial-sutton-hoo>



The Sutton Hoo Helmet

In our reading lessons this half term we will be learning and analysing a couple of new poems. We shall also be starting a new book called 'The Spick and the Span'. The Spick and the Span is an extraordinary, exciting fantasy adventure story which the children should enjoy.

In maths we will focus on fractions and decimals. The children will learn to recognise and show common equivalent fractions, count up and down in hundredths; recognise that hundredths arise when dividing an object by 100 and dividing tenths by 10. They will add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundreds. They will also solve problems involving increasingly harder fractions to calculate quantities, and fractions to divide quantities. As ever, please continue to work with your child on their Mathematics homework, they have tasks set each week. Please get in touch with Mr Thompson if your child doesn't understand the task or they are struggling – your feedback is really useful!

In science we will be finishing our sound topic and starting our new topic entitled 'Human impact on the environment.' In this topic children will recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Our topic in PSHE is economic well-being. In this unit children will explore choices associated with looking after money and discuss what makes something good value for money. They will also identify stereotypes in the workplace, career changes and what influences career choices.

In DT the children will research, design, make and evaluate a mechanism with moving parts with the purpose of promoting a product. This could take the form of a card with moving parts.

PE will continue to take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please can you make sure your child wears their PE kit to school on these days. We will be starting a new unit on tennis, as well as practising our skipping skills for the skipping festival in April.

Thank you,

Mr Thompson and Mrs Arnott

Dates for diaries:

Tuesday 24^h February – Parent consultation evening

Thursday 26th February – Parent consultation evening

Friday 27th February – Whole class photographs

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 20th March 2.40-3.10pm – Year 4 Class Assembly