

Class Teacher: Miss Hutchinson
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Beaumont, Miss Fleet and Miss Adil

In Y4 this half term your child will be learning the following:

English

Areas of Study: Poetry- List poems, analysing, writing, performing and evaluating poetry; Beowulf - descriptive language, character descriptions, planning and writing stories with a historical setting, editing and redrafting; Report writing- compare fiction and non-fiction texts, make notes, plan and write a non-fiction report.

Reading comprehension skills, grammar and punctuation, spellings and speaking and listening

Class book - Beowulf by Rob Lloyd Jones

How you can support your child:

- Encourage your child to read a range of texts such as newspapers, leaflets, stories
- Encourage your child to do independent writing such as story writing, recounts and descriptions
- Go through Big Talk home learning ready to complete Big Write - this will be on a bi-weekly basis

Maths

Areas of Study - The Maths curriculum this term covers number and place value, addition and subtraction and times tables

How you can support your child

- Place value- practise reading and writing numbers to 1000, rounding and ordering numbers, counting forward and back in 10s and 100s.
- Addition and Subtraction- practise mentally adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers by partitioning.
- Practice mental times table skills at home regularly, particularly, with 6s, 7s and 9s being introduced in the Year 4 curriculum. Your child needs to know their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of year four.
- Encourage your child to use Maths in everyday life. For example, counting out money to pay in shops, reading bus or television timetables, sharing out treats equally or weighing out ingredients.
- Help them to complete their Maths homework.

Useful websites

<https://tt.oxfordjournals.org/> **USE THIS WEBSITE TO PRACTISE TIMES TABLES FOR THE TEST IN JUNE**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

The BBC site has a schools area with lots of games and learning resources for English and maths. There is also a lot of suitable Viking material found here.

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/> - lots of activities and learning resources.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/> - activities, homework and revision.

We also have links on our own website.

Topic - Anglo-Saxons

This half term we are learning about Anglo-Saxons and their invasions and the way in which they came to settle in various countries. The pupils will be finding out about Anglo Saxon homelands and why they invaded the UK.

Areas of Study

- Anglo Saxon homelands
- Sagas and Runes
- Longboats and sea journeys
- Raids and expeditions
- Anglo Saxon settlements
- Using and locating countries on maps, atlas's and globes

How you can support your child:

- Discuss with your child what they have learnt in topic.
- Show your child a map of the world and an atlas.
- Help them to do library or internet research their topic.
- Create a presentation or information leaflet

Science - Eating and Digestion

In Science we will be looking at eating and digestion in Humans and other animals.

Areas of study:

- Animals that are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores.
- What food chains are.
- Teeth and what their functions are.
- Different ways of keeping teeth healthy.
- How the digestive system works
- Functions of basic parts of the digestive system.

How you can support your child:

- Find out about different types of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

- Research different food chains.
- Find out the names of the teeth we have are.
- Research how we can stay healthy
- Research how the digestive system works.
- Research how different parts of the digestive system work.

PE

Pupils will be doing PE on the following days:

Swimming - Tuesday morning, starting Tuesday 14th September - more information to follow.

Games - Friday afternoon, please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on this day.

As pupils are not permitted to wear any jewellery for PE it helps if earrings and other jewellery are not worn to school on Tuesday and Friday.

Homework

Each week your child will be given:

- A piece of maths and reading homework handed out on Fridays to be handed in the following Wednesday.
- A Big Write homework will also be sent on Fridays to be returned on Monday.
- A set of spellings to be learnt each half term. Please practise these with your child.

Please encourage your child to read three times a week and ensure you sign their reading diary.

If you need to speak to me please call the school office or alternatively you can email me at: a.butchinson@chestwood.manchester.sch.uk