

**The Teachers in Year 4 are Miss Meredith, Mrs McIlroy, Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Holt.
The Teaching Assistant for Wonderful Woodpeckers is Mrs Bamford.
The Teaching Assistant for the Deaf for Busy Bees is Mrs Fox.**

Our Topic this Half Term is 'Invasion'

In this topic your child will explore the effects of the Roman withdrawal and the chronology and geography of subsequent invasions. They will study the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in detail, examining their reasons for invading, their settlements and their everyday life. Your child will also look at monasteries and the Anglo-Saxon legacy. They will consider how we know about life in this period and investigate the Sutton Hoo ship burial. They will also learn about Athelstan, an Anglo-Saxon king, and what happened after his death before ending the project by learning about the Norman invasion of 1066

In English this half term, the children will be learning to write a narrative based on the text "How To Train Your Dragon", by Cressida Crowell. They will also use the non-fiction book "Dare to Care Pet Dragon" to support their non-fiction writing. They will write a non-chronological report about a dragon.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

- Use the internet to search for pictures of the artefacts found at the Sutton Hoo burial site, such as The Franks casket, purse lid and shoulder clasp. Create a piece of Anglo-Saxon art using the designs on the artefacts as inspiration
- Research the life of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Place value and rounding
- Mental addition and subtraction
- Addition and subtraction using column method
- Multiplication and division
- Geometry: properties of shapes

General Reminders:

Home Learning: Home learning will be sent out on a Friday and needs to be returned by the following Thursday. Your child will be able to access home learning activities through Purple Mash. They will receive an email every week through the communication and email section on Purple Mash. Please read through the home learning sheet as this gives you the details on the activities. Please encourage children to practise their times tables every day on TT Rockstars or Hit the Button.

PE: Busy Bees: Monday and Thursday

Woodpeckers: Monday (Swimming) and Thursday

Please ensure children wear the appropriate summer/winter PE kits when they come to school so they can participate in the lessons.

Earrings must be removed at home on each P.E day.

Reading: Please continue to read regularly with your child on MYON and using the reading book they bring home.

Water Bottles: Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day.

Healthy Snack: Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack every day for break, fruit or vegetables.

Useful Websites:

www.myon.org.uk

<https://www.purplemash.com/>

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

www.sumdog.com

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Autumn Dates for your Diary:

02.10.23: Harvest Food Festival
17.10.23 and 18.10.23: Parents Evening
25.10.23: Wonderful Woodpeckers Class Assembly:
27.10.23: Break up for half term
06.11.23: Return for Autumn 2 term

Any other Information

The staff in Year 4 are really looking forward to getting to know your children and sharing all the fun learning that we have planned. Thank you for your continued support.