

**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'

During our topic this half term, we will be working on our mini projects. The first mini project is a science project called the 'Digestive System' where the children will learn all about the human digestive system and how to have a healthy and balanced lifestyle to be able to look after our digestive systems. This will be followed by another science mini project called 'Sound'. The children will learn about sound and how it travels through the air and how sound is translated through our ears and into our brains. The next project is design and technology based and is called 'Warp and Weft', within these lessons the children will be learning about the process and materials the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings used to make their own clothes. At the end of this mini project the children will design and create their own looms. Our next mini project is 'Interconnected world'. This will be taught through Geography lessons. During this mini project, the children will learn how to use a compass, how to read and use 4 and 6 figure reference grids and learn about the tropics of cancer. Our mini project for Art is 'Contrast and Complement'. The children will be learning about colours, how they are mixed and how colours can be used in paintings to complement and contrast each other. Our final mini project for the half term is called 'Fresh Food, Good Food' and in this the children will learn the importance of food packaging and preserving food.

In English this half term, the children will be writing a Norse Myth, based on the myth 'Thor and the Frost Giants'. The children will be designing their own characters to write about in their myths. Next, the children will write a newspaper report using their knowledge about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.

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:

- Estimating
- Addition and subtraction using column method
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Co-ordinates and angles
- Time and data handling

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 Wednesday

Woodpeckers: Monday (Swimming) and Wednesday

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:

Children in Need: 16.11.23

INSET Day: 17.11.23

Busy Bees Class Assembly: 29.11.23

Christmas Market: 12.12.23

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day: 21.12.23

Break up for Christmas: 22.12.23

Return for Spring 1: 08.01.24

Any other Information

The staff in Year 4 are really looking forward to another fantastic half term and all of the activities that we have planned.