

*Our topic this half term is:*

## ***The Vikings and Anglo Saxons***



Students will research and present information about life during the Anglo Saxon and Viking times. *Students will then showcase their findings in an event for families and friends that will showcase their Writing, Oracy, Art, Computing and more.*

### ***The Year 4 Team:***

***Wilson Class: Ms Mihaela Burnei  
Morpurgo Class: Mr Paul Colebrook  
Dahl Class: Ms Jordan Tamblyn  
Support Staff: Mrs Azemine Ademi***

## Important Dates

PE is once a week on a **Thursday afternoon**. Please ensure your child's PE kit is at school on this day.

In school Viking experience — Date TBC

### Library

Wilson Class - Tuesday

Dahl Class - Wednesday

Morpurgo Class - Friday

Homework: Homework is sent out each **Friday**, due back by the following **Tuesday**. Spelling and times tables tests are on Fridays. Children should be read-

## Maths

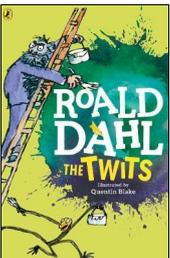


In Maths, we are continuing with the Inspire Maths programme (for more information Google “Inspire Maths OUP”). The programme focuses on a Mastery approach to learning where all children will develop a deep understanding of topics before moving on to the next unit. Some of the topics we will be covering this half term are:

- Place value to 100 000
- Calculation strategies for all four operations
- Efficient written strategies for all operations
- Real life problem solving; using calculation skills in real-life contexts

## English

We will be looking at a range of different genres in English and will write for a range of purposes including diary entries, stories, poems and newspapers.



We will start the year with a three week study of the book ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl. At the end of the unit, students will write their own rags to riches tale.

We will read a wide range of text types in our reading sessions focusing on retrieving information and reading between the lines.

There will also be daily practice on our handwriting, grammar, spelling and punctuation in lessons.

## Homework

For homework, children will have some work assigned weekly, as well as spellings, and daily reading. Children putting effort into their work are rewarded in class.

It is also crucial that your child knows all their times tables up to 12 x 12, including an understanding of how division and multiplication are linked (e.g.  $3 \times 4 = 12$  so  $12/4 = 3$ ) Knowing this helps them in all areas of their Maths learning.

## Reading



It is important that your child reads for at least 20 minutes EVERY DAY. Please sign their home Reading Records or ensure they do themselves so we have an idea of how much they are reading regularly.

After reading with your child, it is helpful to ask them questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding and inference. To push them further, talk to them about why the writer has selected the words they have and what effect these words have on the reader.

## Autumn 1 Parent Workshops:

Please see website (Under Parents → Workshops) for more information on times.



*If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly at home time or via the school office.*

## Science

In Science this half term, Year 4 are learning about living things and their habitats.

During this topic, some of the things we'll be learning about are:

- How to identify the characteristics of living things
- How to have a positive effect on the local environment
- Recording observations on a map



## Humanities and Topic

### History

In History, we'll be looking at the Vikings and Anglo Saxons. We will look at timelines and discuss where both groups came from. We'll discuss how the Anglo Saxon kings might have felt about the Viking invasions and will also look at their raids.



### Art



In Art, we will study Heraldry which focuses on the history and use of shields today. Students will learn the meanings behind common patterns and colours. They will then create their own shield that represents their family.

### Computing

In Computing this half term, children will learn about keeping themselves safe online. Students will begin using websites such as Sumdog, Britannica and Purple Mash. Computing will assist students in their research and presentation of other subjects.



### R.E.

In R.E., we'll be learning about Sikhism. Students will learn the 5 K's and the beliefs and teachings

