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Year 4 Summer 1 Newsletter

English

Writing

This term's English will be based on the book, *'King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table'* by Marcia Williams.

Over the course of the half-term, pupils will read the text together as a class and complete a number of writing activities linked to the story with the purpose of persuasion. Over the term, two pieces of writing to inform a reader will be completed by pupils - a biography and instructions.

Reading

Over the course of the half term, pupils will read *'King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table'* as their reading focus in whole class reading sessions.

Pupils will be continue to choose a book at their level to read for enjoyment at home, which should be recorded using BOOM Reader. Books should be returned each week for the 'Book Club' session, which we do on a Tuesday afternoon. On this day, they will be checked/changed. Ideally we expect children to be changing their books every 1-2 weeks.

Maths

In maths, pupils will complete a unit on decimals, a unit on money and a unit of time.

In addition, twice a week there will be an extra focus on arithmetic in class to re-cap learning and their will be daily 'Number of the Day' sessions as we aim to develop pupils' fluency in maths.

There will also be a big focus on pupils' times table knowledge in order to prepare them for the end of the year test.

Please ensure that you are supporting your children with their times table practice at home.

History

The topic for the first three weeks of the half-term focuses on the question - 'How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?'

We will learn about the reasons why Anglo-Saxons invaded, Anglo-Saxon settlements, Sutton Hoo, paganism and Christianity, King Alfred the Great and how did Saxon rule end?

We will be going on a trip to Bakewell Old House museum to have a look at what life was like for people in the Anglo-Saxon period.



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Science

After the three weeks of Geography, we will study the topic 'Classification and Changing Habitats' where we will learn about how we classify animals, recognize different habitats, understand human impact on habitats and natural disasters..

French/ PSHE

French and PSHE will take place each week. Long term plans can be found on the school website.

Art

In Art, we will be developing our skills through a topic called 'Craft and Design: Fabric of Nature'. The children will learn to create patterns using inspiration from the work of William Morris and creating repeated patterns. They will design a product that their fabric would be used for.

P.E

All classes have P.E on Tuesday and Thursday.

We will be doing striking and fielding games: cricket and gymnastics: shape and balance.

Please ensure your child has the correct kit (yellow polo shirt and black shorts - available for purchase from reception), including footwear (trainers/pumps). Pupils without the correct kit will not be able to take part on health and safety grounds.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday.

It will be required by the next Friday. Homework will be a recap/consolidation of the previous weeks learning. Pupils will have a spelling test each Friday morning.

It is expected that all homework is completed. A log will be kept of pupils' completed work.

Kind regards

Miss Borthwick, Mrs Khanum and Mr Fitton.