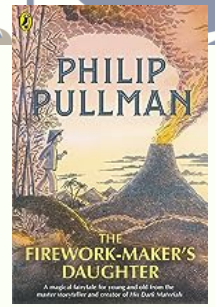


YEAR 4

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM...

VIKINGS & ANGLO SAXONS



Literacy

This half term, Year 4's literacy sessions will focus around the fiction book 'The Firework-Maker's daughter' by Philip Pullman. We will be looking in great detail at the language and description the author has used and incorporating these features into our own narrative writing.

Our main areas of writing will be:

- Character and setting descriptions
- Newspaper writing
- Poetry

Numeracy

Our main areas of study for this half term will be:-

- Representing and partitioning numbers to 1000
- Rounding numbers to 1000
- Roman numerals

Your child will continue developing their knowledge of the times tables. I would appreciate it if you could support their learning by practising their times tables at home. Our main focus this half term will be 3, 4 and 8 times table.

Science

In Science we will be focusing on the unit 'Food and the Digestive System'. We will begin learning about the different types of teeth and labelling the digestive system. Children will be applying their skills to practical and interesting experiments to help develop their learning within Science.

RE/PSHE

In R.E. we will be focusing on the question, 'What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?'

In our PSHE lessons, we will be learning all about 'Being Me in My World' where we will discuss our hopes and fears for Year 4.

Music

In Music we will begin to learn how to play the violin with the help of a specialist music teacher.

Computing

In computing we will begin to learn about the various ways we can use the internet. We will also continue to learn about how to be safe online,

Art/DT

This half term we will be focusing on our Art unit called 'Contrast and Complement' where we will learn more about the colour wheel including making our own warm and cool tones.

History/Geography

This half term will be focusing on our History unit called 'Invasion' where we will learn about the power struggle between the Vikings and Anglo Saxons and what effect that had in Britain. We will use photos, sources and technology to research and develop our understanding of significant events and why they occurred.

PE

Lessons will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt. Outdoor kits of plain black joggers and sweatshirt, as well as trainers are also required on this day, as wherever possible, PE lessons will take place outside.

Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages or a chapter every night. Please discuss with your child what they have read before signing their reading record. Books need to be brought to school every day. All children are entered into the class reading challenge where they need to read at least 5 times a week.

Homework/Spellings

Homework will be set on Mondays. Children will have a week to return their completed homework.

Please come and see Mrs Hunter or Mrs Ledger at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns, or contact the school office if it is urgent.