

# YEAR 4



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



## VIKINGS IN YORKSHIRE

### Literacy

This half term, Year 4's literacy sessions will focus around the fiction book 'Frindleswylde' by Natalie and Lauren O'Hara. 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:

- Recounts
- Letter writing

During our reading lessons, we will be looking at the non-fiction book, 'Viking Voyagers' by Jack Tite to support our learning in history.

### Numeracy

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

- Learning multiples of the x6, x9 and x7 times tables.
- Dividing using the short division method
- Written multiplication methods

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 6, 9 and 7 times table.

### Science

In Science we will be focusing on the unit 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will begin learning about different types of habitats and about what a food chain is. Children will be applying their skills to practical and fun experiments to help develop their learning within Science.

### RE/PSHE

In R.E. we will be focusing on the question, 'What are the deeper meaning of festivals?' In our PSHE lessons, we will be learning all about 'Our Dreams and Goals' where we will discuss our hopes for the future and how to achieve them.

### Music

In Music we will begin our new unit which focuses on the rap genre of music. We will also be taking part in a glockenspiel workshop.

### 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

We will be focusing on our Art unit called 'Warp and Weft', while in DT we will be looking at the unit 'Tomb Builders'. Children will be involved in practical activities wherever possible.

### History/Geography

This half term will be focusing on our History unit called 'Vikings in Yorkshire' where we will continue to learn about the Viking invasion and the changes they made to our local area. In Geography, our unit will be focused on Rivers and locating them on a map. We will use photos, maps, sources and technology to research and develop our knowledge about the units.

### PE

Lessons will continue to take place on a Friday afternoon. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt.

### 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 should be brought to school every day but must be returned on a Friday so we can change their books.

All children are entered into the class reading challenge where they need to read at least 5 times a week.

### Homework/Spellings

Spellings will be set on a Monday and times tables will be set on a Friday. Children will have a week to return their completed homework.

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