

Welcome to Year 3 and 4!

During Year 3 and 4, pupils take part in a variety of learning experiences. Children continue to build on the core learning skills developed in KS1. Children thoroughly enjoy their learning through exploring cross curricular topics such as: 'Vicious Vikings', 'Savage Saxons' and 'Bear Grylls Survival School'.

Within writing, children use a variety of texts to help develop their understanding of grammar and punctuation in line with the National Curriculum. They develop an exciting vocabulary and a wider range of writing styles. Pupils also learn about specific spelling rules, patterns and common exception words.

In Mathematics, pupils develop formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They further develop their knowledge of place value, time, shape, measurement, fractions and statistics. On a weekly basis they engage in reasoning and problem solving tasks.

Our classes are fun and vibrant learning environments which are stimulating and engaging for all.

Mr Bond, Miss Finney and Miss Lovatt
Class Teachers

Useful websites to support your child's learning:

Maths:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

English:

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/punctuation>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

Science:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z2pfb9q>

Computing:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/

Finally, while we have made every effort to ensure that these websites are relevant and appropriate, we would strongly advise that children are supervised at all times when accessing the internet. Should you have any problems with the sites listed or find a new site that could be added to the list, please inform a member of staff.

Year 3 and 4 Autumn Fact sheet.

Welcome back after the summer term, we hope you have had a lovely break! This half term we will be focusing on the theme of 'Vicious Vikings'.

English

As Writers we will be... using 'How to be a Viking' by Cressida Cowell to inspire our writing. Through this we will develop our knowledge of letter writing, newspaper writing and play scripts. During this half term, we will develop our knowledge of grammar and punctuation in line with the new curriculum. The areas that we will be focus on this half term are the use of commas, apostrophes and speech marks and the use of paragraphs to structure our writing. We will also be taught spelling patterns and we will continue to practice cursive writing.

Maths

As Mathematicians we will be...

- * Developing our understanding of place value.
 - *Developing the use of mental addition and subtraction strategies.
 - *Learning to recall multiplication and division facts for up to 12×12 .
 - *Developing our knowledge of formal written methods of addition and subtraction.
 - *Solving one and two step problems involving numbers and money.
- We will also take part in problem solving activities during the week.

CLJ

As historians... we will be developing our knowledge of chronology. We will studying the life of Viking invaders, famous Viking leaders and finding out about famous Viking battles.

As artists ... we will be creating Viking portraits, designing long ship heads and making a model long ship.

Science

As scientists... we will be studying states of matter. We will look at the properties of solids, liquids and gases. We will learn about how some materials can change state. We will measure the temperature at which materials change state. We will learn about and be able to describe the water cycle and we will be able to explain the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. We will also be taking part in investigations as part of our learning

PE

As a sportsperson... this half term children in Year 3 will be doing Netball while children in Year 4 will be going swimming. Children will have PE on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon and therefore need to have the appropriate PE kit in on these days. Year 4 children will need to remember their swimming kits on Tuesdays.

Computing

As computer scientists... we will start by developing our knowledge of e-safety and how to remain safe when using the internet, with a particular focus on safe websites and how to judge if a website is safe. We will also be using scratch to programme a character.

Homework

The children will take home their reading books every day and are encouraged to read regularly at home. We would ask you to comment in their reading diaries when they have read to you. The children are able to change their individual reading book every morning as they come into school. They will have weekly spellings to learn which will be checked on Mondays. Homework will be given out every Friday and handed in the following Wednesday.