

The Year 4 team are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school for the summer term. We will continue to ensure that the children's wellbeing is at the forefront of our minds. We will be consolidating and developing Mathematical and English skills learnt over the year. We will also ensure that we fill any gaps lost in learning due to Covid. We have some exciting extra-curricular activities planned for the children including learning the ukulele, yoga, cricket, well-being workshops and more! We hope the weather is good so we can also take some of our learning outside in the grounds of our school.

As historians, we will be investigating and interpreting the past by using primary and secondary sources of evidence to find out about the Anglo Saxons and why they settled in Great Britain. We will build up knowledge about their lives, who they were, where they came from, how they travelled and why they invaded Great Britain. Our history topic will filter through to other subject over the coming weeks.



As scientists, we will be covering the following:

Good Vibrations - The children will be exploring sound and how it travels to our ears. We will be looking at the different sounds in our environment and what pitch means.

Switched On - The children will be exploring and learning about basic circuits and then experimenting with the components that make up a circuit and making light bulbs light up.

As artists, we will be focusing on **Textiles**. The children will be learning to sew a Saxon purse. The topic links well with our history topic and the children will be finding out about the different materials the Saxons used in their everyday lives. The children will also look at different fabrics and sewing techniques.

In **RE** we will be learning about the key beliefs and teachings of eight religions. In more detail: Islam and the five pillars, Jainism and Bahai. The children will be making posters or PowerPoint presentations.

As geographers, we will be linking our learning with history and the Anglo Saxons. Our topic is called **Somewhere to Settle**. The children will be learning about where the Saxons settled in Great Britain and why they chose those specific locations. We will be using atlases to locate where these settlements were.

As design technologists, the children will be focusing on **The Electrical System**. We will be linking our D&T topic to our learning in Science.

We will learning about why electricity is important in our everyday lives and how we use it.

In our daily **Maths** lessons, we will be building our knowledge of the following:

- Continuing to fill any gaps in learning missed due to Covid.
- Using mental and written strategies to complete calculations using +, -, x and ÷.
- Adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers using different methods.
- Developing our ability to solve **complex** worded problems, reasoning problems and investigating problems in real life.
- Measuring perimeter accurately.
- Learning about Roman Numerals.
- Collecting, handling, presenting and analysing data and presenting data in different graphs.
- Children will consolidate and apply the mathematical skills and knowledge learnt by selecting challenges from our challenge stations.

In **P.E** the children will be focusing on the following:

Athletics - Specifically, running techniques.

Cricket and Rounders - Striking and fielding.

Competitions - Sports events.

In **PSHE**, our theme will be **Being My Best**.

Throughout this topic, the children will take part in a series of lessons which will help them identify and celebrate their differences and their own personal unique qualities. We will also be taking part in a series of three workshops developing the skills around working as a team and encouraging others.

This half term you can help your child at home by doing the below.

- Continuing to read with your child daily, reading to your child and discussing the text together with a particular focus on inference and summarising ensuring your child understands what they are reading.
- Continuing to support your child in learning **ALL** their multiplication tables and practising the corresponding division facts. The times table booklet sent home will support you with these.
- Letting your child experience maths in practical ways such as:
 - asking them the time and looking at time intervals using TV schedules;
 - letting them handle coins and use them correctly in shops including checking their change;
 - letting them measure out amounts when you are cooking;
 - looking at time tables to work out journey times; and
 - looking at Roman Numerals and converting them into numbers we use today.

In our daily **English** lessons, we will be focusing on adventure stories, poetry and biographies:

- Continuing to fill any gaps in learning missed due to Covid.
- Continuing to discretely learn spelling patterns and rules to spell with accuracy.
- Continuing to use relevant punctuation correctly frequently in writing such as ., ? ! ... : ; ""
- Confidently and independently applying a variety of techniques such as similes, metaphors, personification and alliteration.
- Extending sentences successfully using conjunctions, time connectives, prepositions and adverbs.
- Selecting appropriate writing techniques that are relevant for different writing styles in order to engage the reader, e.g. how to create an adventure story.
- Developing editing skills so that the children can reflect on their writing.

In **Computing**, the children will be producing a wiki in the topics of **Communication** and **We Are Co-authors**. They will experience creating and editing a wiki on a specific topic.

In our weekly **music** lessons this term, all the children will have the amazing experience of learning the ukulele!

They will also be listening to and appraising a piece of music - the song **Blackbird** by the Beatles.