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Field View  
Primary School

## Spelling / Handwriting

Each term your child will be sent home with a spelling and handwriting booklet to complete. The booklet will contain a list of spellings which children need to learn how to read and write in preparation for their weekly spelling test. It also contains a handwriting practise sheet to help children improve their handwriting and presentation of work in class. At the beginning of the year, your child will be given a list of words they should know by the end of the year which you can practise with your child on a regular basis.

## Maths

Every Friday your child will be given a piece of maths homework to complete at home. This will be something that they have already covered in school. The homework needs to be completed for the following Monday.

## Don't forget...

Your child will be heard read every week in school and this will supplement reading activities in lessons. We would appreciate it, therefore, if you could ensure your child brings their reading book and record into school every day.

Mrs Gama's' class have PE every **Monday and Wednesday** and Mrs Mann's' class have PE every **Monday and Friday**. Please ensure that your child brings the correct PE kit into school on these days.

# Year 4 Curriculum Leaflet

## Autumn 1

In this leaflet you will find out about what your child will be learning during this half term and how you can help them at home.

It gives you information about what is going to be taught in all areas of the curriculum in school and suggests some ways in which you can get involved and help out at home.

We see this as a great opportunity for you to share in your child's education.

On the back page you will find further information regarding homework and what to expect each week.

Thank you for your support!  
Year 4 Staff



Mrs Gama



Mrs Mann

## Traders and Raiders

Big and strong, powerful and brave, the Saxons wave their battle axes and brandish their swords as they begin to invade Britain's shores. Sail back to the Dark Ages, where battles were rife and fear reigned. Find out about the life of the Saxons, including how they lived and where they came from.



## Our Topic

We are learning about Britain's settlement by Anglo Saxons and the Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England.

We will learn where the invaders came from and the reasons they invaded and the influence they had on the future of Great Britain.

We will also be learning about the lives of Saxons and will be exploring what they ate, how they lived and how they were punished.



## RE & PSHE

In RE we will be learning about how a range of religions celebrate new life.

In PSHE we will be looking at roles and responsibilities in school and will be looking at rules and their importance. We will also be looking at how to share our opinions in a respectful way.

## Maths

This term children will be learning how to calculate math's stories using all four operations with fractions and negative numbers. We will also be solving one and two step measure word problems involving decimals.

You can help your child at home by discussing what they have been learning about each week and practicing mental math's skills such as:

- Counting forwards and backwards in 6s and 9s
- Recalling multiplication facts
- Finding 10 and 100 more or less than a number

## Science

Our topic for Science this half term is all about food and its journey. Children will be exploring food chains, where food comes from, the digestive system and what happens to our food when we eat it. We will also be looking at the impact of our food on our teeth, and will be exploring teeth.

## English

Our reading focus this term is to identify the main ideas in a text and talk about them. The book we will be focusing on is Beowulf, Grendel and the Dragon. It is linked to our topic of the Anglo Saxons and is an exciting tale of monsters and battles.

The children will be writing a wide range of text types including poetry, stories and non-fiction.

In order to improve children's writing we will be learning how to organise writing into paragraphs. We will also be looking at how to use descriptive language to create settings, characters, and plots in narrative writing.

We are encouraging the children to think carefully about their vocabulary choices and to read a wide range of texts that demonstrate how to use more powerful words in their own writing.

## Reading

Your child will bring home a reading book to read to you. These books are chosen carefully based on assessments to help your child make the best progress with their reading. We would appreciate it if you could listen to your child read regularly and record brief comments in their reading record to let the teacher know how your child is getting on.

Your child will also be bringing home a library book to share with you. These books are chosen by the children and so may sometimes be quite difficult or seemingly easy for them to read. These books are for you to enjoy with your child rather than expect them to be able to read them to you.