

Holding out for a Hero!

Year 4

Summer Term



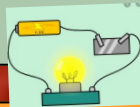
Epic English

This term in English we will be exploring the adventures of different heroes, starting with the Anglo-Saxon myth, Beowulf. Throughout this epic poem, we will learn of Beowulf's remarkable bravery as he faced a variety of fearsome beasts, before creating our own hideous creatures for our alternative endings. During our learning, we will look closely at sentence structure and how this can be used to vary the impact our writing has on our readers. During our reading time, we will share the hilarious adventures of Hiccup in *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. We will meet an array of dragons and become dragonologists in search of new species which we will write about in our non-chronological reports. Dragons will also be the subject of our poetry unit of work as we explore Anglo-Saxon Kenning poems.



'Listen Up' it's Science!

Our topic on sound will lead us to investigate vibrations, pitch and volume and we will be working scientifically, testing materials to find the best insulators for soundproofing. Later in the term, we will be learning about electricity. We will revisit some of the uses of electricity before exploring electrical safety both inside and outside of the home. We will learn how to construct circuits as well as change the components.



Music & Art

Using our school set of ukuleles, we'll be exploring and learning how to play simple songs using both single notes and chords.

In art, we will be exploring the artist Picasso and his style of cubism. We will then use this technique to create a dazzling dragon.



Marvellous Maths



In maths this term, we will develop our knowledge and understanding of decimals, linking to last term's learning about fractions. After that, we will move onto telling the time, properties of 2D and 3D shape and problem solving with money. We will also provide a variety of maths challenges that allow the children opportunities to consolidate their previous learning and skills.

History Heroes

Our theme of 'heroes' continues into our history topic, as we discover the bravery of the Anglo-Saxons and their battles with the Vikings. We will learn about significant individuals and events during Anglo-Saxon England, through the use of primary and secondary sources and follow a line of enquiry to answer the question: **Did the settlement by the Anglo-Saxons make England a better or worse place to live?**



Homework



A new palette of choice is revealed! This is a great opportunity for us to explore areas of our topic that we are particularly interested in and of course 'show-off' our amazing and imaginative presentation skills. Year 4 pupils are very independent but still need a little support with gathering resources and organising their time, so please help with this.

We are also trying to build our reading stamina, so we are trying to read as much as we can at home. Sharing and talking about our books is a great way to develop a love of reading and don't forget a mystery book prize is up for grabs for those who earn raffle tickets by recording their reading in their diaries. Well done to you lucky book winners so far!

In preparation for the statutory multiplication tables check in June, we will continue to practise speedy times table recall. Plenty of practise at home will certainly support this skill, so please help your child wherever possible.

Please remember you can contact us at anytime.

RSE

We are going to be learning about our amazing bodies and what makes girls and boys different. We will also learn about how to keep ourselves clean and healthy – including the effects of alcohol and cigarettes on human bodies.

RE

In RE, we are focusing on Pilgrimage, firstly continuing our learning about Christianity then making comparisons with other different religions. After defining what a pilgrimage is, we will then identify why people make journeys to special places, in particular Jerusalem.



PE

This term, PE will be on a Monday and on a Thursday, where we will be developing our athletics, rounders, tennis and cricket skills. Please help your child have their full PE kit in school every day.

The Christian Values we are reflecting upon are: Trust and Thankfulness. We will also be revisiting previous values of Hope and Humility.

