

Literacy –

In literacy, children will be reading and performing poetry, looking in particular at Kennings. They will be selecting verbs and nouns to create their own and perform them to small groups and the class. We will also be looking at stories from other cultures, using our reading skills to predict and infer meaning from the text. We will be looking in depth at the characters and their choices and children will be writing a letter in role as the character to help them write their story later on. The final topic for the term is linked to persuasive writing where we will look at different language techniques to persuade and encourage the reader.



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Numeracy –

In maths, year 4 will be focusing on geometry. Within this, children will be looking at shapes on a grid and will learn how to draw and move on a grid. They will also gain the knowledge and vocabulary to be able to clearly explain movement on a grid. We will also be looking at statistics and time as well as revising key elements of learning from Year 4.

Mr Seaborne will be focusing on money and time with the class on Monday mornings.



Welcome back year 4! This term we are going to be learning all about **the Vikings**. Below you can see a brief overview of everything we will be learning in terms 4 and 5...

Spellings and times tables – Spellings will be given to the children at the start of the week and they will practice them every day at home. Parents can request a copy from the classroom if they wish. Please ensure children are regularly practicing their times tables too!
Homework – Homework will be handed out on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Thursday. The work should be set so that your child can complete it independently but if they struggle, don't hesitate to guide and prompt them. If it is not returned on a Thursday, it is not guaranteed it will be marked.

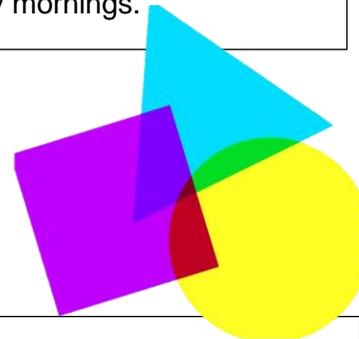
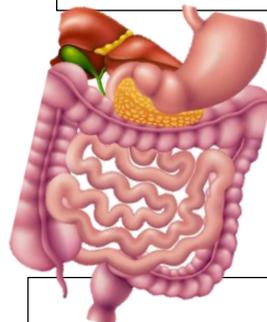
If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss, feel free to contact me and we can arrange a discussion. I'm very much looking forward to some fun learning in our last 2 terms together in Year 4!

Miss Handley

Science –

Children are going to become experts with the digestive system. We will be looking at the first part of the digestive system (the mouth) before exploring the rest of the human digestive system. Children will then begin looking at the diets of different animals including humans and comparing these.

In term 6, we are going to reflect back on our learning about animals including humans and think about helping habitats. Children will be thinking about climate change and the impact this can have on animals and their habitat. They will work together to think of ways to combat this and have a positive impact.



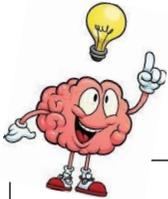
PE –

Please ensure that children have their PE kit in school every day. We will be starting term 5 with basketball and rounders. Children will be practicing their dribbling and defending in basketball before applying these skills to games.

In term 6, we will have a coach for cricket. We will also be learning about mind and body awareness through yoga!

Music -

Get ready to get your groove on! Children will be drumming with Mr Garcia every other Friday.



DT and art –

In art, year 4 will be looking at Viking figureheads. They will make careful observations from Vikings ships before designing their very own figurehead for a longship! Children will be using different painting strokes and techniques to create their final design.

Children will also be creating Viking shoes, using their sewing skills to help them. We will look at replica shoes and discuss features such as durability, comfort and design. We will then start to design our very own shoes; creating nets, practicing sewing stitches and finally evaluating our creations!



Religious Education –

We will be looking at whether Sikh stories are important today.

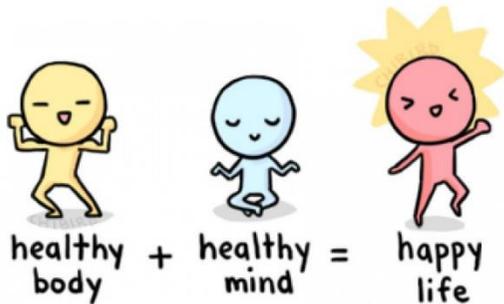
Children will also be thinking about the key question 'when Jesus left, what was the impact on the Pentecost?'



PSHE-

In term 5, we will be focusing on 'healthy body, healthy mind' where we will explore and discuss different feelings. We will look at topics such as smoking and the impact this can have on health. In addition, children will be looking at ways to look after their health and wellbeing.

In term 6, Year 4 will be looking at the importance of safety and ways to cope when they do not feel safe. Within this unit, we will also look again at e-safety.



Information technology –

Children will be using the iPad on a weekly basis to practice TTR.

Children will also be using the iPad using a programming app called 'Hopscotch'. Children will use their previous knowledge of using 'Scratch' in Year 3. They will use a variety of tools to help create a programme, choosing a character and making it move in different ways.

History and geography -

Our topic is the Vikings! First job – find out who the Vikings were and where they came from. This will help children to have a clear context for learning.

Children will explore what made the Vikings so successful, focusing in particular on Viking warriors, trade and beliefs. Later on, we will be looking at the Viking way of life including homes, farms, clothing and jobs.

Finally, we will look at the Viking legacy and what the Vikings left behind for us to see today.



French –

Un, deux, trois. Year 4 will be looking at counting and using number names in different contexts. We will also be discussing colours and practicing how to spell these words accurately. Another topic we will look at is 'all about me' where children can discuss their age, family and themselves!

Throughout French, children will learn in a fun and engaging way through different games.