

Autumn 2 2020

### KEY DATES

Friday 13th November – Our Virtual Learning Showcase will be sent home.  
Monday 16th - 20th November - Anti-bullying Week (wear odd socks on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>)  
Monday 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner!

Dear Parents,

It was great to meet with so many of you for our parent meetings via Zoom before half term. We have been impressed with the way the children have returned to school after their short break, and we look forward to a new half term of learning.

We are delighted to welcome two student teachers into Year 4: Matilda Goulder will be working with 4A, and Ellie Wilkes will be working with 4E. They will both be with us until February.

### NEW TOPIC - Voyagers and Villains

This term, we will be delving into Britain's Viking heritage. We will be looking at Viking settlements in the UK, exploring their armour and jewellery, and investigating place names that have a Norse origin. We may even have the opportunity to taste some Viking food - YUM!

### MATHS

#### Number - addition and subtraction

- Add numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate.
- Subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate.
- Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation.
- Solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.

#### Measurement- length and perimeter

- Convert between different units of measure (e.g. kilometres to metres).
- Measure and calculate perimeters of rectangles.

#### Number- multiplication and division

- Multiply by 0, 1, 10, 100, 1 and 0.
- Divide by 1, 10 and 100.
- 9 times-table and division facts.
- 7 times-table and division facts.

**Maths Week England** - Sumdog's Maths Week England runs from 6.11.20 - 12.11.20. Please encourage your child to play this at home.

## Year 4 Learning Letter

**LITERACY** This half-term, we will finish writing our Adventure narratives before moving onto some Viking-inspired historical narrative texts.

**READING** We will be continuing our whole class model of teaching reading this term, focusing on both some non-fiction texts as well as this term's class novel, 'Viking Boy'. As always, we encourage you to read with your child on a regular basis.

**SCIENCE** This half-term, we will be learning about electricity. This will involve lots of practical exploration involving wires, batteries and bulbs.

**PHONICS/SPELLING** This half-term, we will continue to extend our knowledge of the following prefixes: 'il-', '-ir', 'sub-' and '-inter'. Spellings will be taught and practised in class, and extra activities will continue to be set through their Spelling Shed accounts.

**PSHE** This half-term, Year 4 will be focusing on 'Growing and Changing' and 'Keeping Safe'. In light of the current situation, we will be sending home a Wellbeing Journal for your child to complete. This is optional and can be used at any time convenient for your child.

**ORACY** Oracy returns this half-term. The children will be required to read something of their choice to the class for 3-4 minutes. It could be a news article, a poem or a section from their favourite book. There is no expectation that the children learn the piece off by heart. We will email the children with their Oracy date.

**GENERAL REMINDERS** Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on Thursdays, wears appropriate footwear for the Mega Mile, and has an extra layer of clothing every day, as we continue to keep windows open for further ventilation.

**PTA** The PTA is raising money for year groups this year. Any money raised for Year 4 will be spent on new books for the book corners, magazine subscriptions and on virtual trips and visits. Thank you in advance for your support.

Thank you for your continued support!  
The Year 4 team

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