



Dunmore School



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Terms 3 and 4

Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you have had a lovely break over Christmas. This letter should inform you of everything we will be learning about in Year 4 over the next two terms.

Our topics are: The Vikings and Explorers and Adventurers

We will be studying where the Vikings came and went to around the world and the impact this travel had on the areas they visited. We will also be looking at how the Vikings lived and comparing it to how we live today. We will be learning how to write our own names using Viking runes and designing Viking shields.

After half term, we will be learning about different explorers, with a focus on Shackleton. We will do lots of geography, improving our locational knowledge by looking at world maps, atlases and globes. We will think about the skills required to be an explorer

English

In English we are focussing on Viking myths, looking at a range of stories and creating our own. We will be writing adverts for our own Viking tools, full of persuasive language.

Next term we are learning about Ernest Shackleton. We will be writing recounts of his adventures, and information texts about the animals of Antarctica. We will also be writing a biography.

Maths

We have started the term by recapping our fractions skills. We have found equivalent fractions, added and subtracted fractions and we will be exploring the links between fractions, decimals and percentages.

This will link to our next set of investigations, on using money.

Finally we are going to become more confident at using clocks and time.

Science

We are studying sound, including experimenting with string telephones, a sound walk and investigating pitch and volume.

Next term we will be studying the digestive system and teeth, the highlight of which is making a model of the digestive system (making poo!).

Computing

In computing we will be using Windows Movie Maker to create our own adverts. We will also be further progressing our coding skills.

We will be using Googleearth to explore our local environment and looking at the paths taken by famous explorers.

Other Subjects

Geography – We will be learning how to read a compass, making our own maps and learning about global mapping skills for example lines of longitude and latitude.

P.E. - We will be trying our hand at a range of sports this term including swimming (Class 10), dance, and ball skills.

Music - During terms 3 and 4 we shall continue with whole-class ukulele lessons. We shall continue

to develop our listening, composing, appraising and performing skills by learning to play a range of tunes and writing our own compositions.

PSHE – We will be discussing our responsibilities as citizens and the role we all play in looking after each other in our class, our family and our community. We will be learning how to debate and discuss relevant issues through Philosophy for Children.

Important Information

Homework

(Topic ,maths, spelling)

- ✓ Set on a Friday
- ✓ Due in following Friday
- ✓ Spelling test every Friday

PE

- ✓ Tuesday
- ✓ Wednesday
- ✓ Thursday (Swimming Class 10)

Requests from Parents

- Please continue to practise times tables with your child throughout the week. We find that little and often is the best way to learn. This can be through songs, apps or games.
- Children should be reading regularly at home as well as school. Books can be changed within school during the school day.

Key Dates

- **Monday 19th February – Inset Day**
- **Tuesday 13th March – Parents Evening 4:30 – 7pm**
- **Thursday 15th March - Parents Evening 3:30 – 6pm**
- **May 8th – 11th - Stone Farm Residential**

Signed

Mrs Mitchell

Mrs Hope

Dr Strange

Class Teachers