



Dunmore School



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring

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 topic this term is: The Vikings	
<p>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 making clay rune stones.</p>	
<p>English</p> <p>In English we are focusing on Viking myths, looking at a range of stories and creating our own.</p> <p>We will be learning about biographies and writing our own biographies for Viking characters!</p> <p>We will be writing adverts for our own Viking tools, full of persuasive language.</p> <p>As part of our Viking topic we will write exciting newspaper reports on the Viking invasion.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>We have started the year in maths recapping our column addition and subtraction skills.</p> <p>We are also exploring the links between fractions, decimals and percentages.</p> <p>We are applying our number and calculation skills to help answer word problems.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>We are studying the digestive system and teeth in science this term.</p> <p>Next term we will be studying sound.</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>In computing we will be working on creating our own animations based on Viking myths. We will also be using Windows Movie Maker to create our own adverts for Viking tools.</p>
<p>Other Subjects</p> <p>P.E. - We will be trying our hand at a range of sports this term including dance, netball and basketball.</p> <p>Music - During terms 3 and 4 we shall continue with whole-class recorder lessons. We shall continue to develop our listening, composing, appraising and performing skills by learning to play a range of tunes and composing our own compositions.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>French will be taught by our specialist French teacher, Mrs George.</p>	

Important Information	
Homework (Topic ,maths, spelling)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Set on a Friday ✓ Due in following Friday ✓ Spelling test every Friday
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tuesday ✓ Wednesday ✓ Thursday (Swimming Class 10)
Requests from Parents	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Reading can be recorded in the children’s Reading Records. • Our topic is The Vikings and there are some fabulous Viking artefacts in the Ashmolean museum in Oxford. If you have time it would be great if you could take your child to the see these free Viking exhibits. 	
Key Dates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 20th February – Inset day • 2nd – 5th May - Stone Farm Residential (Term 5) 	

Signed

Mrs Mitchell

Mrs Brooks

Dr Strange

Class Teachers