

Year 4 Summer 2023

Welcome ...

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful, restful Easter break. I can't quite believe that we are now in the final term of Year 4 - time is going so quickly!

It's a busy term but hopefully a term of opportunities for many. Swimming will become a staple of our timetable for Summer 1, Athletics becomes our new PE focus in readiness for Sports day and we are enthusiastically planning our contribution to the Summer Fayre as part of our Market Day involvement.

Hopefully there will be plentiful opportunities to enjoy our school grounds; the field at playtimes, gardening in our allotments, exploring our impact on the grounds for our longitudinal study and re-enacting the invasion of the Vikings.

Curriculum

Project: 'The Vikings: Raiders or Traders'

Reading: How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

English: This term we will be writing a Legend, based on the epic Anglo-Saxon poem, Beowulf, writing in the style of storyteller and performing our legends as they would have done during the Anglo-Saxon period. Our second unit this term will be writing a humorous explanation text about how our digestive system works, we will be using The Goopy, Chewy, Rumble, Plop Book as the stimulus for our writing.

Maths: In maths this term, we will be exploring the following topics; area and perimeter, mixed numbers and improper fractions, multiplying whole numbers and fractions, and finally using measures and comparison to understand scaling.

Science: In Science, we will be learning that an adequate and varied diet is needed to keep healthy, all about our teeth types and their function, and how we digest our food. We will plan and undertake an investigation to test various liquid's ability to erode tooth enamel and enjoy a fun practical which will mimic the way our body digests food.

Art: We will be exploring the concepts of weaving and dyeing materials to create our own textiles using wool, beads and other embellishments.

DT: In DT, we will be exploring Anglo-Saxon settlements to then design and build our own Anglo-Saxon house.

Weekly Routines

Monday

- ❖ New spellings to be added to Google Classroom
- ❖ Swimming

Tuesday

- ❖ Library
- ❖ 'Listen to Me'

Wednesday

- ❖ Outdoor PE – Athletics

Thursday

- ❖ Singing Assembly

Friday

- ❖ Achievement Assembly
- ❖ Spelling test
- ❖ Times Tables test

Swimming reminders:

- All children need a packed lunch (with the exception of those who have requested one from school)
- They can bring a healthy snack to have after swimming
- The children need to bring a towel, one-piece swimming costume/trunks, long hair must be tied back and no earrings please.

Dates for your Diary...

20.5.24 MF4 Celebration at 9:00 - 10:30 (approx)

21.5.24 LW4 Celebration at 9:00 - 10:30 (approx)

23.5.24 RH4 Celebration at 9:00 - 10:30 (approx)

22/05/24 Year 4 Butser Farm trip

Half term w/c 27th May

06/06/24 Year 3 and 4 Sports Morning 9:00-11:00

13/06/24 Reserve Date Year 3 and 4 Sports Morning 9:00-11:00

22/06/24 Summer Fayre 'School Within a Garden'

24/06/24 Inset Day

27/06/2024 'Move-Up' afternoon (meet your new teacher)

12/07/24 Reports home

17/07/24 and 18/07/2024 Rock Bottom performances

23/07/24 End of Year (optional early finish of 1.15)

Home Reading

Following on from the surveys Mrs Adams did earlier on in the spring term, we are launching our new Berrywood home reading initiative this summer term. All children that read at least four times a week will be entered into a weekly reading raffle – there is a big surprise coming for our superstar readers. Pupils' home reading will be monitored weekly and celebrated in school using our new home reading cards. Each time a pupil reads at least four times per week, their card will be initialled and displayed in class. Mrs Adams will be coming round to note down all the keen readers. The more you read, not only will you have a greater chance in our reading raffle, but you will also become a skilled and effective reader too!

Finally...

- ❖ Your child will need to bring a bottle to school – water only please.
- ❖ Please continue to provide your child with a healthy, low packaged snack for morning play.
- ❖ As the weather improves, the children will be encouraged to wear a hat during playtimes.
- ❖ Many of the children are now on their mixed times tables and are working on their recall, at speed. We would recommend the 'sound track' option on Times Tables Rockstars as it replicates the style of questioning and time frames of the check. The check will be completed at the beginning of June so not long to go. Keep up the hard work!
- ❖ We have been delighted to have the opportunity to begin rewarding the conscientious and precise joined handwriting demonstrated by many of the year 4 children with their pen licences! This means that those children may now use a pen during any writing opportunities. We look forward to giving these out to many more of our children this term.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to sharing the final term with you and your children. Yours sincerely,

Miss Webb, Mr Hawkins and Miss Fairlie