

In English this term, we will be using the books 'How To Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell and 'Viking Voyagers' by Jack Tate to inspire our writing. We will be writing a range of text types including free verse poetry, explanations and film narratives. We will also be using these texts to develop our comprehension skills focusing on inference and retrieval.

Vikings

Year 4

Block 3

In Geography, we will be developing our understanding of the physical geography in the UK. We will also be learning about European cities and their capitals; so that we can name at least 10 of them. We shall also learn about the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn as well as identifying where the equator sits on our planet.

In Maths, we will be focusing on our practice of times tables and division as well as furthering our skills within measurements, geometry and fractions.

In Art and Design we will be taking inspiration from the Vikings and learning how to weave using different materials. We will learn about the historical significance of weaving and how it was used by the Vikings to make clothes and other items. In DT, we will be combining our science learning to create a new type of Viking longship with a light up prow.

In Science, we will be learning about Sound and Electricity. We will be learning how the ear works and how sound travels in waves. We will also be learning how to make circuits and use them in our final DT piece.

In Music this term, we will be learning how to compose collaboratively with the class and how to express our feelings through music.

In French this term, we will be learning the vocabulary for 'food and drink' We will learn how to order and try some delicious French food. We will also learn about Bastille Day on the 14th July and it's significance to French people.

We will be using our computing sessions to learn how to use spreadsheets, effectively search on the internet within Purple Mash. We will also be looking at the parts of computers and learning how they work.

In PSHE this term, we will be looking at the areas 'Relationships' - building positive, healthy relationships and 'Changing Me' - coping positively with change both inside and outside ourselves..

During RE this term, we will be looking at the areas 'What does the festival of Pentecost mean to Christianity?' and 'Stages of life' in Judaism'.

During our PE sessions, we will be developing our dance, athletics, rounders and gymnastics skills.

Homework

Homework every week will focus upon reading and times tables.

Children need to practise the times tables from the diamond band they are currently working on, this includes logging on to Times Tables Rock Stars at least once a week. They are also expected to read regularly, at least three times each week, recording this on the Reading Record App.

Times Tables Rock Stars and Reading Records will be checked every Thursday, and the new week for homework starts every Friday.

Alongside this, there will be weekly theme homework(See information in the SWAY about this) Please note that the deadline for this will reflect the amount of time and effort needed to complete the homework which has been set.

Reading

All children will be provided with a school reading book and a log-in for our reading record app, Boomhub. It is essential that reading books are bought in to school each day and parents update the app each time their child reads at home. Guidance on using the Boomhub app was provided with log in details but if you require further guidance, please ask your class teacher.

The book that your child receives is matched to their reading abilities for both word reading and comprehension. Children are expected to read at least three times each week as part of their homework.

PE

Children need their PE kit in school at all times. Although we try and stick to the same 2 days for PE it is inevitable that for some weeks this will change due to unforeseen circumstances. For this reason, we ask that each child has their PE kit in school at all times. PE days: Tuesday and Thursday for both classes.

A PE kit should include a Cam Woodfield Junior t-shirt, black or blue shorts and daps or trainers. It is recommended that children have warm clothes for outdoor PE. This can include a jumper and jogging bottoms. Alongside this, children need a water bottle.

Times Tables

As a school, we focus on multiplication and corresponding division facts with regular practise of times tables through 21 facts every morning. It is the expectation of the National Curriculum that children learn their times tables with rapid recall up to 12×12 . This means your child will need to learn each times table off by heart- without having to 'work it out'. The children are tested every Friday using our times table scheme to reach 40 out of 40 to progress to the next diamond band. Every child has a tracking card to keep track of their times table progress.

Times Tables Rock Stars

All children have log in details to access Times Tables Rock Stars, which can be used on any smart device via an app as well as on a computer. Children need to be accessing the Times Table website weekly, as part of their homework.