



Year 4 Newsletter

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Welcome to Year 4

English

Focus Texts— Beowulf an Old English epic poem.

We will be studying the poem in the form of a story, looking at story structure and characterisation before writing our own version using talk for writing strategies.

Poetry—Riddles. Composing our own and examining their use in Beowulf.

SPaG for this half term word classification, homophones, conjunctions and extended noun phrases.

Maths

This half term we will be exploring number and place value in greater depth,.

We will building on previous learning and looking at new methods in addition and subtraction. They will use tens frames, partitioning and relationships between calculations. We will be learning our 3, 4 and 8 times tables and related division facts.

We will also be practising mental maths regularly and will have a mental maths test each week.

Science

Our unit is called 'Living things and their habitats'

The children will identify a variety of habitats and explore why organisms live in them.

They will recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.

We will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things.

They will explore the impact of changing habitats and how this can pose a dangers to living things.

History

Our topic is 'Britain's settlement by Anglo Saxons and Scots: kingdoms and way of life.'

Children will be encouraged to investigate in-depth questions about some of the important changes that occurred as well as studying aspects of Anglo-Saxon life. They will look at why the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain and how religion shaped their beliefs. We will look at the importance of 'Sutton Hoo' and what archaeologists discovered.

Other Subjects

This half-term our PE will be on Wednesday and Thursday. On these days pupils should come into school in their PE kits.

Computing: Coding, online safety and spreadsheets.

French: Portraits. Facial expression using descriptive vocabulary.

Art: Drawing and Painting

PSHE: Being Me in My World

Music: Abba

I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks, in the mean time please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or problems.

Mrs Robinson