



Curriculum Newsletter



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Year 4

Traders and Raiders

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Topic

Welcome to the second half of the Spring Term with our topic, Traders and Raiders. We will be learning about living in Britain after the Romans left, during the Anglo Saxon and Viking time periods.

Our topic for this half-term has a History and Science focus and learning will include :- who the Anglo Saxons were and where they came from. Why the Vikings invaded, who Bouddica was and why she was important at the time. Science learning covers solids, liquids and gases, classifying them and looking at their properties and looking at the effect of temperature on their state. In RE we will be looking at the key question: Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

English

To support your child with their English in Year 4, here are some key pieces of information:

We will continue with the daily English teaching and learning videos until the children return to school on the 8th March; these really help with the lessons as they contain key information and model how to use punctuation, vocabulary and phrases.

We have a focus on creating imagery through vocabulary choices in Year 4 so you could discuss this with your child, supporting them to identify and pick out effective vocabulary and word types. Look for sentences starting with a fronted adverbial with them as this is a Year 4 writing expectation. Also ask your child to be inverted commas and the associated punctuation spotters; this will support them with using this with more accuracy in their writing.

Please continue to support your child with reading at home, they may prefer to read to themselves instead of reading aloud which is great too. We will be using poetry this half term too so accessing different types of poetry is also important.

Try to share books that support the topic so for this half term, history related texts and science information books if you can.

Maths

To support your child with their maths in Year 4, here are some key pieces of information:

We still have a big focus on learning times tables and are expecting the children to make full use of Times Tables Rockstars which your child has their own username and password for. We are happy to challenge the children within the specific challenge section. This helps to focus on speed and accuracy. Practising multiplication and division fact families is also a valuable skill and further develops learning from last half term.

We will continue with the daily maths videos until all children return on the 8th March; these are a valuable teaching and learning tool and will support your child with their learning during this ongoing remote learning period.

Here is the link to the [Key Instant Recall Facts](#) these KIRFs are important as they are key maths areas that we will be developing, and recapping, each half term to support mental maths strategies.

If you have any queries about your child's maths or any aspect of their maths learning then please do not hesitate to email their teacher about it.

Well-being

Here's our [February Half Term Wellbeing Ideas](#) which you can still use this half term



Home Learning



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Unlocking the Learning

As part of our home learning, we would like the children to take part in one or more of our creative homework projects that link to this half term's learning. Our topic for this half term is Traders and Raiders, a topic about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings.

We look forward to seeing the results and would like the children to email their completed projects to us by the week beginning Monday, 22nd March, so that they can share and celebrate each other's talents before the end of term. We would ask that this project reflects six weeks' worth of work, and demonstrates the children's own work, although we really appreciate your support in helping them complete their homework.

Please remember that if your child is unsure of their home learning then we can help with resources to complete their home learning, or discuss ideas with them. Please just email us for support. We believe it is very important that every child has the opportunity to engage with learning at home and will support however we can with this.

Writing	Research	Creative
Find out about real treasure (often known as hoards) discovered from this period. Sutton Hoo and the Staffordshire Hoard are good examples. Write a fact file about the hoard and provide information about items.	How did they make bread during Anglo Saxon and Viking times? Create a set of instructions for making Anglo Saxon bread or Viking flatbread.	Research some simple Viking embroidery patterns. Create your own pattern using a needle and thread to embroider a small piece of cloth.
Use the internet to research and find out more about the foods that would have been eaten in those times. Which food groups did they cover? You could create a menu for a Viking meal.	Find out more about the futhark or runic alphabet used by the Vikings. Write a short message using the runic characters. They wrote on wood, bone and stone. What will you use?	Make Viking warriors out of playdough and a Viking Longboat out of card.