

Maths

To support your child with their maths, here are some helpful pointers:

- ★ We continue to have a big focus on times tables and are really pleased to see the number of children using Times Table Rockstars at home. Please let your child's teacher know if you are having any problems with accessing this at home. As you will know the children sit their Multiplication Tables Check in June and speed and accurate recall are both vital for that.
- ★ Please continue to support your child with telling the time on an analogue clock. It is important children can tell the time to the nearest minute.
- ★ Revision of the four rules is always helpful and we will continue to work on these in school and send home homework on these.
- ★ As always, any queries about maths, please speak with your child's teacher.

Special sessions!

Swimming sessions will commence on the first Tuesday back at the Bromsgrove Sports and Leisure Centre for the current group of swimmers.

The third group of swimmers will start their block of swimming lessons on Tuesday 3rd March. If your child is in this group, they will receive an information letter and consent form this week.

Our topic this half term is TRADERS & RAIDERS

During the second half of the Spring term our learning in Year 4 is the fantastic topic, Traders and Raiders. We will be learning all about Anglo Saxons and Vikings. As this is a history based topic, the children will be learning about life after the Romans left England. We have planned an educational visit to Bishopswood Educational Centre to experience a day as Viking settlers. For our writing we will be using two super texts, 'Tell me a Dragon' which is beautifully illustrated by Jackie Williams and 'Monster Slayer' by Brian Patten. We will also be performing with Year 3 in the KS2 production on Tuesday, 31st March. This year's production is Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves'.

Topic

Our topic for next half-term is Traders & Raiders which is history focused within our topic work. Learning will include:

- . In History we will explore the Saxon way of life, including where they came from and why they wanted to invade.
- We will discover how the Vikings were equipped to invade Britain by looking at their transport and weaponry.
- . In Art and Design we will be using sketching and skills with tints and tones to produce our own Dragon artwork in the style of Jackie Morris
- . In Design and Technology we will be using design and construction skills to make Anglo Saxon settlements
- . In RE learning is about Christianity looking at how Jesus inspired others through his teachings

Unlocking the learning at home....as always we have received some super examples of home learning which are always on display in the main entrance and in our classrooms. 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 ask one of 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.

English

How can you help your child in English? Here are some great ideas:

- ❖ 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. Please record this entry in their reading record so it counts towards their number of weekly reads.
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Try to share books that support the topic so for this half term, maybe you could have a look for books about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings in your local library. Look for new topic words and how to use the glossary and index.
- ❖ Again, please send in any writing your child completes at home as we love to share and celebrate this in class.