



Year 4 Newsletter

Vicious Vikings



We have had a very exciting Autumn Term with lots of fun packed learning.

This term, we have looked at writing our very own play scripts and have been researching the Groovy Greeks. We had an exciting trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge where we were able to look at lots of Greek artefacts.

We are really excited to have all of the children back after the Christmas holidays and hope everyone has had a well-deserved break!

Miss Rushmer and Mr Turner

English

In English, this term we will be looking at the story 'How I Met Dudley' which will help us to write our own explanation texts. This is a funny book which will make you think about how different electric items around the house work.

Our other books this term will include Winter's Child where we will be using our own ideas to plan and write a sequel to the story. We will also be looking at 'The Selfish Giant' where we will be working towards writing diaries, reports, letters and our own narrative.

There are lots of opportunities for the children to showcase their amazing writing skills!

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be finishing our topic of further multiplication and division and moving onto reading and drawing different types of graphs. We will be drawing our own and identifying which graphs are best for different types of data.

We will also be looking at fractions and be able to count in hundredths. We will be learning about simplifying fractions and learning how to add mixed fractions.



Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a weekly basis. The children will have Maths and English homework on alternate weeks which will be based on the work that we have been doing that week. Please ensure that children are practicing their times tables on a daily basis as this will support them in their Maths learning.



In addition to this, Mathematics tasks will be set which the children are expected to complete at home.

Attendance

In Year Four, we are continuing our drive to ensure that our attendance is exemplary. We encourage the children to attend promptly every day to ensure that they are making excellent progress. We are aiming for each Year Four class to receive a cake for 100% attendance. Thank you for your continued support with this aim.



Spellings

We will be sending out weekly spellings to practise at home. These spellings will be based around a particular rule or gaps in the children's learning based on assessments. The children will receive the spellings on a Friday. These will be tested on a Thursday.

PE

This term we will be starting Swimming on a Wednesday afternoon. We will provide you with further information about this.

The children also have P.E on Monday afternoon and Thursday mornings after break time so please ensure that they have a P.E kit in school with them.



Key Contacts

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The Kingsfield Extra Homework Challenge:

Hi, children! Desperate to do a bit of extra homework and really impress your teachers? Well now you can, with The Kingsfield Family Behaviours for Learning Extra Homework Challenge! You may even receive extra Kingsfield Coins for your efforts. This will depend on the following factors: the amount of effort you put in; the presentation of the work you bring back, and the accuracy of the work itself. Coins will be awarded at your teacher's discretion. You may even be asked to showcase your work in assembly, in class, or for it to go on the Behaviours for Learning display in school.

The Homework Challenge can be completed anytime in the first half term and during the half term holiday. Please return all Homework Challenges by Friday 1st March.

Topic: Vicious Vikings

There are so many fantastic facts to learn about the Vicious Vikings.



Curious Colin says: *'Where did they live? What did they wear? What did they eat?'* Create a fact file of information about the Vikings which we can share in our lessons.



Creative Chloe says: *'Can you create a Viking shield or a longboat that may have been used by the Vikings? Will it be able to float on water or will it sink?'*



Why not research the Vikings and write a poem using alliteration, metaphors and similes using the information you have just found?