# Welcome Back Year 3 /4



After a lovely break, it is great to see so many happy children who are ready to learn. This term, our topic is the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. We will be focussing on the invasion and where these people came from.

### <u>English</u>

We will be taking plenty of opportunities to write this term. We have already started to use the FANTASTIC's guide in our writing and will soon be applying these to the book "The Secret of Black Rock". Later in the term, the children will be writing non-chronological reports about their own dragons and writing Kennings.

We will be doing guided reading as a whole class focussing on 'How to Train your Dragon'. We will be reading the book and using our comprehension skills to explore it in detail. After half term, we will be looking at 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'.

In Spelling, we will be using the Year 3/4 statutory spellings along with the spelling rules, to be able to apply this across the curriculum.

### <u>Maths</u>

In Mathematics, we will initially be focussing upon securing the children's knowledge of Place Value. For Year 3, this will include recognising the value of each digit in a 3-digit number, ordering numbers and counting in multiples of 50 and 100. Year 4 will be working with 4-digit numbers and counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9. 25 and 1000. We will then progress on to further number work including addition and subtraction. Maths will be taught visually (through bar models and diagrams), using concrete objects (such as counters and dienes) and in the abstract form (applying their knowledge and solving problems). We will also focus upon providing clear mathematical explanations about their methods and thinking.

### Diary Dates

Class Assembly – 17<sup>th</sup> October (2:30pm)

KS2 Theatre trip - TBC

KS2 Christmas Performance – 12<sup>th</sup> December

## <u>PE</u>

This term PE will be on a Tuesday. PE kits should stay in School all week as things can change. The class will receive a golden token if everyone remembers their PE kit each week.



#### <u>Homework</u>

As always, we expect all children to read to an adult for at least 10 minutes every day in order to secure their fluency and understanding. This includes discussing what they have read. Only reading needs to be recorded in homework records. Please sign daily to show your child has read (free readers can do this independently but must explain what they have read). Records will be checked on Monday and sent back out the same evening. Children who complete the 'Strive for 5' reading challenge each week will be entered into the reading raffle. If your child is still completing the RWI phonics programme, then their book will be changed once per week.

Maths homework will be set via Mathletics with 2 tasks being set (one will be revision and one based on current learning). We will also be introducing Times Tables Rock stars for children to practise their times tables. Login details will be sent home for these and children will be reminded of how to access.

Please look on Seesaw for topic homework. It is expected that all children will complete at least one activity half termly.

Any questions or concerns - please do not hesitate to contact any of the Year 3/4 team.

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