



**Parent Newsletter
Year 4 Hawthorne – Summer Term 1
Topic: Vikings**

English

This half term your child will be learning to:

Grammar and Punctuation.

- Use a variety of punctuation
- Use expanded noun phrases
- Use subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions
- Use prepositions
- Use imperatives
- Use command sentences
- Use topic sentences

Writing

- To write a narrative retelling
- To write an instructional text

Reading

- To read a range of texts confidently including non-fiction texts.
- To be able to skim and scan the text to locate key information.
- To understand and develop their inference skills

Spelling

We will continue to practise our Year 3/4 key words and children will be tested on their spellings each week.

How can you help your child at home?

Please practise the spellings with your child at home and read with them at least 10 minutes a day.

Maths

This half term your child will be learning about:

Decimals

- Make a whole using tenths and hundredths
- Partition and flexibly partition decimals
- Compare and order decimal numbers
- Round decimals to the nearest whole number
- Explore halves and quarters as decimal values

Money

- Write money using decimals
- Convert between pounds and pence
- Compare amounts of money
- Estimate with money
- Calculate with money
- Solve problems with money

How can you help your child at home?

The best way to support your child at home is by encouraging them to complete their daily TTRockstars. This will help them get ready for their end-of-year assessment.

Useful Dates and Information

PE days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**
Forest School is on **Thursday**

Please ensure your child is dressed in the appropriate clothing on these days.

New spellings will be given every **Tuesday**.
Spelling Tests will be on **Tuesday**.

<p style="text-align: center;">History/Geography</p> <p>This half term your child will be learning about:</p> <p>Vikings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover who the Vikings were and where they came from • Learn about Viking life, culture, beliefs, and their influence on Britain • Explore Viking raids and settlements and their impact on Anglo-Saxon England • Use maps and timelines to understand Viking exploration and expansion • Identify key locations related to Viking invasions and settlements • Understand how land use and place names were influenced by Viking settlers • Explore the legacy of the Vikings in the UK today 	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>This half term your child will be learning about:</p> <p>Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the meaning of sustainability and why it is important for the planet • Explore how everyday choices can impact the environment • Investigate how we can reduce, reuse, and recycle materials to help the Earth <p>Habitats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore a range of different habitats and the organisms that live there • Understand how living things depend on each other within a habitat • Learn how changes to the environment can affect plants and animals • Identify how animals and plants are adapted to their environments 	<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>This half term your child will be learning about:</p> <p>Photo Editing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore how digital images can be edited and enhanced • Learn to crop, rotate, and adjust brightness or contrast • Use digital tools to add filters, text, and effects • Understand how images can be altered to change meaning • Discuss the importance of using digital images responsibly and ethically 	<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>This half term your child will be learning to:</p> <p>Pass, Position, Patience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop understanding of attacking strategies in team games • Learn how to find and use effective spaces during gameplay • Practise accurate passing to maintain possession • Explore how patience and teamwork are key to building up play • Apply these skills in small-sided and modified competitive games
<p style="text-align: center;">MFL</p> <p>This half term your child will be learning to:</p> <p>My Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and describe members of their family • Practise pronunciation of family-related vocabulary • Use simple sentence structures to talk about their family • Listen to and understand spoken Spanish in context • Take part in short conversations using familiar phrases 	<p style="text-align: center;">Art/DT</p> <p>This half term your child will be learning to:</p> <p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Viking longships and understand their purpose and design • Plan and design their own model longship • Select appropriate materials and tools for construction • Build a longship model, focusing on stability, shape, and detail • Evaluate their finished model based on design criteria and effectiveness 	<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE</p> <p>This half term your child will be learning about:</p> <p>Being My Best</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect on what makes them unique and special • Understand the importance of making positive choices • Explore how they contribute to their school community • Learn the basics of first aid and what to do in an emergency • Consider ways they can help others 	<p style="text-align: center;">RE</p> <p>This half term your child will be learning:</p> <p>What Faiths and Beliefs Can Be Found in Our Country and Community?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and explore a range of religious and non-religious beliefs in the UK • Learn about the key practices, places of worship, and values within different faiths • Reflect on the importance of diversity and mutual respect • Understand how beliefs influence daily life and community activities