

Year 4 Autumn Term - Reading

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- develop a positive attitude to reading.
- understand what they have read and be able to explain it.
- independently ask questions to improve their understanding of a text.
- use a dictionary to check the meaning of words that they have read and explain the meaning of words in context.

You can help your child by:

- asking your child questions about the book to improve their understanding.
- encouraging your child to take part in the summer reading challenge 'Animal Agents' at Essex libraries. <http://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge-2017/>

Year 4 Autumn Term - Writing

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- proof read their writing for spelling and punctuation errors.
- spell words that are commonly misspelt.
- use simple organisational devices such as headings and sub-headings in non-fiction writing.
- read aloud their own writing, to a group or the whole class.

You can help your child by:

- reading a selection of non-fiction texts including history books, newspapers and adverts – discuss how the text is organised.
 - testing your child on words that are commonly misspelt.
- <http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/english/misspelled.htm>

Year 4 Autumn Term - Maths

By the end of this term, your child is expected to:

- recall all multiplication and division facts up to 12×12
- understand and use the terms AM and PM when telling the time.
- recall the conversion facts for minutes in hours, seconds in minutes, months in years etc.

You can help your child by:

- buying a watch and asking them the time at regular intervals
 - using time websites - <http://www.teachingtime.co.uk/>
- <http://primarygamesarena.com/Bang-on-time2571>

Invasion!



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Background Information on Topic

From September, we will be refreshing our topics throughout the school to enhance and promote the love for reading! Our first topic in Year 4 will be entitled 'Invasion'. This allows us primarily to explore lots of fantastic children's storybooks that have a theme of Invasion such as the wonderful 'How to Train Your Dragon' books by Cressida Cowell— Please do not read this book before the Autumn term as we will be using it as a key text! We will be linking the themes discussed, within these books, across all our other subjects such as History, Geography, Science and PSHCE to provide a thoroughly enriching curriculum for the children that will encourage them to read great books more regularly.

Launch Day

Dressing up for Launch Days always make the day that extra special. Children can dress as a Viking character from the 'How to Train your Dragon' books by Cressida Cowell. Alternatively, they can wear the Viking outfit they wore for that topic in Year 3. In Year 4 they will be focusing more on the struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.



Trip

This term's trip will take place on 27th September and we will be visiting Thriftwood Scout Camp in Brentwood to take part in some Raft Building. We know that the children have already visited the Gunpowder Mills so wanted to find something different. Throughout the day they will be building their own rafts with the aim of testing them to cross a river. Much like the Vikings did all those years ago. We estimate the cost of the trip to be around £17 each.



Key Dates for Autumn Term

Monday 3rd September 2018—Inset day
Tuesday 4th September 2018 – Inset day
Wednesday 5th September 2018— First Day Back at School
Thursday 6th September 2018 - Meet the Teacher Evening 5.00pm
Monday 10th September 2018- Launch Day
Thursday 27th September 2018—Visit to Thriftwood
22nd Oct 2018 - 26th Oct 2018- HALF TERM holiday
Wednesday 19th December 2018— End of term

Homework

Please remember that homework is an essential part of the children's learning and it is important that they complete it at home. Homework will be given out every Friday (via the school website) and needs to be handed in on Wednesday.

Homework Club is run after school every Tuesday afternoon from 3.15–4.15pm.



Books to read

Sign up to the local library and complete the Summer Reading Challenge. The theme for this year is 'Mischief Makers'. Visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to create your own profile and get signed up.