



Class 3/4M Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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Message from the staff:

Welcome back everyone! We hope you enjoyed your half term break and cannot wait to get stuck in to our last term! We have lots of fun learning planned, including a history topic about the Smashing Saxons.

Class Topic: Smashing Saxons

In **Geography** we will be locating where Anglo Saxons originated from and we will be using the four points of a compass to describe the direction the Anglo Saxons travelled in.

In **History** we will be looking at how the Anglo Saxons lived and placing the Anglo Saxon period on a chronological timeframe.

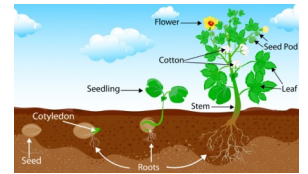
In **DT** we will be designing and making a portcullis for the entrance of a castle.



Science:

Our Science topic this term is Plants. We will be exploring the life cycle of plants and name the different parts of flowers. We will also explore the process of pollination.

Key vocabulary: roots, stem, flower, pollination.



Maths: Firstly, we will be focusing on time.

Children will be recapping telling time to the hour, half past, quarter past and quarter to. After that they will be working towards telling the time to the minute.

We will also be looking at properties of shape including recognising, drawing and describing 2D and 3D shapes.

Children regularly recall their multiplication and division facts too. So please keep practising times tables at home. Year 4's have a test on these in June.

English:

Our class narrative this half term is 'Anglo Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman. This thrilling tale centres around a boy called Magnus who finds himself in a family feud that leads to one of history's most famous battles. In our English lessons we will be time travelling back to the Battle of Hastings to write a historical brochure.



VIPERS

We will focus one literacy session a week on reading, paying attention to retrieval, inference and evidence. We will look at fiction, non-fiction and video clips, as well as our class book.



Jigsaw:

Our unit is 'Changing Me'.

In **Year 3** we will be looking at how babies grow and develop, how girls and boys bodies change as they get older and we will look at stereotypical ideas we may have about parenting and family roles.

In **Year 4** we will be looking at labelling external and internal parts of male and female bodies. We will also be looking at how a girl's body changes in order for her to have a baby when she is an adult.

PE:

Children will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday. These sessions will focus on improving our reaction times, controlling the ball in hockey and practising working as a team.

Some children will undertake 'Forest School' activities too.

MFL:

In French we are learning how to say different types of weather. We will also learn how to say and ask for different flavours of ice cream.

Of course we will also recap all of our French we already know!



How parents can help at home: It is key at this point in your child's education that they read regularly. Reading a little every day at home accelerates both their comprehension and writing. Keep supporting your children with homework which is set each Friday. Children should practise their spellings and times tables regularly at home. Year 4's have a times tables test in June called the Multiplication Tables Check.

Days/Dates to remember:

- PE is on Tuesday and Thursday. Children will need to come into school in their full school uniform with their PE kit in a bag to change in to. Bring indoor and outdoor PE kits as some sessions will take place outside.
- Homework and spellings are set on Fridays. Homework and spellings to be handed in / learnt by Wednesday.
- Please hand in reading books by Thursday. We ask that children bring their books **daily** in to school so we can also read with them in class and understand how much they are reading at home. Please sign and date them.