

Year 4 Newsletter Summer 1

English

In English this term work will be based on Quentin Blake's short story *The Green Ship*. We will be focussing on his clever use of narrative to create suspense, and using some of these features to write our own stories. We will also be writing a biography about Alfred the Great as a continuation to our learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will be learning about singular/ plural past and present tense verbs. We will also learn how to use pronouns and paragraphs in our writing.



Area and fractions

This half-term year 4 will be learning how to calculate area by counting the squares within different rectilinear shapes. Children will learn how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. They will find out how to recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths, and to write decimal equivalents to $\frac{1}{4}$; $\frac{1}{2}$; $\frac{3}{4}$. Year 4 will also be rounding numbers with 1 decimal place to the nearest whole number and will be counting in hundredths.



Educational Experience

This term we will pretend to be Vikings and will attack Lindisfarne, stealing treasure from the Monks.

We will be visiting the woods to observe living things in their environment.



Living things and their habitats

We will finish our investigations about sound and then move on to observing and exploring the habitats of Living things. The children will learn to name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment, and then recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes be dangerous to living things.



PSHE - Growing up and changing - Pupils learn about the way we grow and change throughout the human lifecycle.

DT –To create a Viking purse using textiles. Printing and designing using colour. Viking patterns.

R.E. – Children will discuss how words of wisdom from many inspirational leaders have influenced the beliefs of others.

ICT – To communicate safely via the internet using communication tools such as email.

PE- Monday for both classes. Thursday-Ravens swimming. Friday-Swifts PE.



Class Blogs: to facilitate the learning process, we regularly post learning materials online. The content of the Class Blogs will enable parents to support their child at home.

