

YEAR 4 SPRING TOPICS 2017

Numeracy

All areas of maths will be covered but there will be a special focus on learning times tables.

PSHE

- Getting on and falling out
- Good to be me

Literacy

- Poetry
- Recounts
- Dilemmas
- Persuasion

Science

- Forces and magnets
- Sound

PE

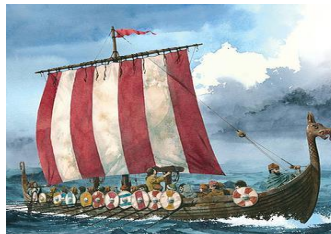
- Swimming
- Ball skills
- Invasion games

Computing

- Programming
- Viking raiders animation

French

- Animals
- Hobbies



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- What do creation stories tell us about the world?
- Easter

If King Alfred was so great, why did he burn the bread?

A Creative Curriculum topic exploring the Anglo Saxons and their way of life.

Did Vikings really wear horned helmets?

A Creative Curriculum topic to explore historical fact and fiction.

Music

- Exploring descriptive sounds
- Exploring rhythmic patterns

Other Useful Information

The Government recommends that Year 4 pupils spend 90 minutes on homework per week (plus reading). However, the emphasis at Talbot is on how effectively homework helps your child to learn, rather than on whether it takes a certain amount of time. Therefore, we hope that all tasks are meaningful.

Reading Books:

Pupils can change their reading books as often as they like in Year 4. Listening to your child read at home still has lots of benefits, even if it is only every now and again. "Free Readers" still need to read to an adult about once a week. In addition, BugClub is an online reading app which allows your child to read a variety of different books allocated by the teacher and answer questions about these.

Spellings

Each week there will be a spelling focus. Children will be set a list of words each Tuesday and these will be focused on in the week's lessons. The children should also revise the list at home, as they will be tested on it on the following Tuesday.

Learning Log

For each Creative Curriculum topic a series of tasks will be suggested and the pupils will need to complete a number of these over a period of time. The exact details will be glued in the Learning Logs. Please tick off the tasks as you complete them and bring your books in to share with the class from time to time.

Maths Homework:

A small amount of maths homework is set on Wednesdays by your child's maths teacher; this homework is due in on the Friday of the same week. Also, please support your child with learning their times tables (little and often works well). New Government expectations are that all children will know their times tables up to 12x by the end of Year 4.

PE/Swimming:

Swimming kit is needed on Tuesdays and PE kit on Thursdays.

Trips and Visitors:

We will be visiting Roundhay Park this term and we hope to arrange a Viking workshop.