



Year 4

English:

We will be starting with reading *How to train your Dragon* and using this as inspiration for writing our own instructions. We will then move on to write narratives inspired by *Beowulf*, focusing on figurative language, precise punctuation and fronted adverbials. As we approach the end of the term, we will be using our favourite Christmas adverts to inspire some festive writing!

Science:

This half term, we will be learning about electricity. We will identify different types of electrical appliances. We will also be exploring circuits to find out how they work, learning about the difference between electrical conductors and insulators.

RE:

Our topic is 'Mary, mother of God' and we will be learning about the Christmas story.



Topic:

Vikings

History:

We will continue to learn about the Vikings this half term, discovering why they came to Britain, what influences they had here and why they finally left.

Computing:

We will be using Purple Mash to develop our coding skills, including troubleshooting/debugging programs.

French:

We will be continuing to learn about various forms of travel.



Maths:

We are starting this half term learning about the area of different rectilinear shapes. We then begin learning about multiplication and division. We will be starting with a recap of our 2,5,10,3,4 and 8 times tables before moving on to our 6,7,9, 11 and 12 times tables. We will also be using these multiplication facts for division. Homework this half term will have a strong focus on times tables and we encourage children to practise their rapid recall of these facts by using TTRS frequently at home.

Design Technology:

In DT, we will be using skills and knowledge acquired in Science lessons to make light up boxes- just in time for Christmas!

PE:

Our two topics in PE this half term are gymnastics and handball. Please remember that jewellery and watches cannot be worn during PE lessons.

Music:

Children will be continuing to develop their music skills through learning how to play their given musical instrument in Beyond the Beat sessions. Parents will be invited to watch the children's concert at the end of the term.