



Year 4 Spring Term 2019

'You can make a difference

**English**

In year 4 we expect most children to be aiming to write at least a page of A4 in a lesson by the end of the academic year, using joined cursive handwriting and using a variety of sentence structures. We will be completing a book study on 'The Iron Man,' studying: Shakespeare, playscripts, persuasive writing and researching the Anglo Saxons. We will be completing Big Write sessions regularly, which will be photocopied and displayed in the classroom, please feel free to come and see them! There will be a weekly spelling test on a **Monday** which will assess how securely the children have retained different rules that we have been working on in class and spellings will be sent home weekly to practise. Reading sessions will happen daily with your child.

**Maths**

By the end of year 4 it is the national expectation in mathematics that the children will know all of their times tables fluently up to 12x12. We will regularly be sending home Big Maths practice sheets this term to help with this; please practise with them when you can. The children will complete a weekly timed 'Big Maths' test on a **Monday** also, to assess their improving times table knowledge. Topics covered in maths will include: Coordinates, symmetry, position and direction, measurement involving money/length/capacity, fractions of an amount, fraction <-> decimal equivalents, fraction calculations, multiplication/division reasoning, negative numbers, statistics and geometry (2D/3D).

**Topic**

We have developed this term's topic curriculum in collaboration with the children, ensuring that it links to our whole school topic 'You can make a difference too.' In science we will be exploring electricity and circuits using a variety of components. After February half term we move on to looking at states of matter. During art lessons we will be creating tonal and 3D pieces linked to the Iron Man. Following the trip to West Stow we will be studying the geography and history of the Anglo Saxons linked to their local heritage.



**Home Learning**

Thankyou for your on-going support at home. Please continue to listen to your child read, and carry out maths activities with them **at least four times per week**, along with practising spellings for our weekly test on **Mondays**. Home learning will be weekly maths revision sheets every Friday to hand in by Thursday. Big Maths mental maths 'learn it' sheets, will also be sent home regularly to work on their number and times table fluency at home.



**P.E.**

P.E. will be on a Tuesday and a Friday this term. Please ensure that your child has a named kit in school as well as outdoor shoes **every day**. There may be times when PE days need to be changed or extra PE and outdoor activities are planned.



**RE**

We will be learning about Christian celebrations. We will also be looking at how people with different faiths express their beliefs in different ways.

**Computing**

We shall be learning more about: coding, online safety, researching online and multimedia publishing this half term using the 'Hour of Code' website and Purple Mash.



**Trips**

This term we will be visiting West Stow to learn about the Anglo Saxons on **Friday 8th February 2019**.

**Spanish**

The children will continue learning Spanish this year. Revising basic greetings, where we live, numbers 1-20, expressing preferences and joining in with Spanish songs.



**Music**

We will be continuing to have whole class weekly ukulele or samba drumming lessons every **Monday**, taught by the fantastic teachers from Sistema. If your child is interested, think about signing up for 1 to 1 lessons.

