

English

This term, we are reading a range of texts including an abridged version of the Anglo-Saxon epic poem, 'Beowulf'. We are also reading the gothic poem 'The Raven' by Edgar Allan Poe. We will be writing description, narratives and poetry. You can help your child by reading with them every day and encouraging them to spend time reading independently. The children borrow books from a lending library at school and are developing awareness of their favourite authors. We recommend going to Rochdale library and allowing the children to look for other books by these authors.



Mathematics

The children have been doing well learning their times tables, but still need to make sure they practise, because by the end of Year 4, they must know all of them up to 12. Also in maths, we will be practising formal methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions and decimals and telling the time. You can help your child practise telling the time at home.



Science

Our Science question is 'What are solids, liquids and gases?' See the knowledge organiser for more information.



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Happy New Year! The children have settled back into school well.

Please help your child by making sure that they read their books every day and bring them back each morning. Their reading books will be changed weekly.

P.E days are Thursdays. Please ensure that they have the correct items in their P.E kits. Girls shouldn't wear earrings on PE days.

Please send your child into school every day with a full water bottle. This will need to be taken home and washed daily.

The children will have weekly spellings and sometimes other homework. Children should also be logging into TT Rockstars regularly to help them to learn their times tables. They can also complete activities on Purple Mash at home and use the 'Hit the button' website to practise times tables and other maths.

Thank you,

Mrs Lenton, Miss Dunnett and Mrs Cox.



History

This term, our enquiry question is 'Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?' See the knowledge organiser for more information.

D.T/Art

This half term, we will be doing a 'Viking Sandwich' topic in D.T.

Religious Education

This half term, we will be finding out about different religions celebrate their festivals. A Jewish visitor will be coming into class in February to talk to us about Jewish festivals.

Physical Education

This term, our P.E. topic is Viking Dance. Children must bring a full P.E. kit every Thursday.

Computing

We will be learning about how to enter data into spreadsheets and use formulas to calculate information in spreadsheets.