



## WHAT WE ARE WE LEARNING YEAR 4 - SPRING TERM 2020

**English:** Our core text this term, linked to our topic of the Vikings is 'How to train your dragon' by Cressida Cowell. The pupils will begin the term by developing skills in writing a diary, focusing particularly on grammar features such as writing in first person and past tense. We will then move onto writing a narrative and newspaper article using all our prior knowledge.

**Maths:** We will begin the term by recapping properties of 2D and 3D shapes and will learn how to identify and measure a range of angles. We will then move on to learn how to add and subtract fractions and decimals and use our knowledge of times tables to support our learning.

**Science:** Our Science unit this term is all about 'States of Matter'. We will be carrying out a range of investigations linked to this topic and will explore what materials will dissolve in liquid, what changes are reversible and which are irreversible. Our next topic is 'Living things and their habitats' in which we will identify and classify a range of living things. We will use our Forest School and Edible Playground to support our learning.

### This term our topic is 'The Vikings'

**History and Geography:** Our topic for this term is 'The Vikings.' We will be learning about who the Vikings were and where they originated from, and will be exploring Scandinavia compared to different parts of the world where the Vikings settled.

**DT and Art:** We will be exploring structures and sculptures this term and will learn how to make a range of important Viking equipment such as longboats, helmets and spears.

**Computing:** We will learn how to code and debug using different programs such as Purple Mash and 2code to create our own Viking game.

### Other important information:

- Homework and Reading: Homework is given out every FRIDAY and handed back in by the following WEDNESDAY. Please support us by ensuring your child completes their homework independently. Children have been given a reading record. Please listen to your child read and write a comment on how they have read in their reading record.
- Your child needs to practise their times tables on a daily basis and must bring in their reading record to school on a daily basis.
- PE is on a THURSDAY afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit with them that day. Please do not send your child in PE kit at the start of the day.
- Information about the life of the school (letters, newsletters, accident report forms etc.) are very often put into book bags so a daily check is highly recommended.

### Year 4 Staff

Miss Kurup - Year Group Leader (4K)  
Miss Roy - Class Teacher (4R)  
Ms Vosyliene - Class Teacher (4V)

### Educational Visits

Hindu Temple- date to be confirmed  
Chigwell Row campsite residential- date to be confirmed