

Windmill Primary School



Year 3 and 4 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 1- Invaders!



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a term! We have certainly been incredibly busy during Autumn 2 term and have completed some amazing learning.

Overview of themes for the year

Spring 1- Invaders

Spring 2- Greeks

Summer 1- Rainforests

Summer 2- Africa

Trips and Visitors for the year

Spring 1- We are lucky enough to have The Drama Hut coming in to school on Friday 5th January to do drama workshops with our children based around the Vikings. This is being fully funded by the RWSA - thank you! We are very lucky that our PTA are so awesome at raising funds for our children.

Summer 1/Summer 2- As our Fab Finale for our Rainforest theme and our Wow starter for our Summer 2 theme we will be going to the Living Rainforest and The Cotswold Wildlife Park, staying overnight at the Court Hill Centre hostel costing around £100.

Invaders

During the Spring 1 term we will be exploring the world of Invaders, finding out all about the world of Vikings and Anglo-Saxons; including who they were, when they lived and what life was like at the time.

Our first Wow day on Thursday 4th January will be based around our English work, focused this term on Rags to Riches tales. For our second wow day we are welcoming The Drama Hut into school who will be delivering drama workshops to our children linked to our work on invaders.

Throughout the term, we will look in detail at the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor. In science we will be investigating forces and magnets. We will spend time learning how things move on different surfaces, observe that some forces need contact between two objects and look closely at how magnets attract and repel one another.

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English

In English we will be focusing on Rags to Riches tales; our focused texts are The Abominables by Eva Botson (Year 3) and The Snow-Walker's Son by Catherine Fisher (Year 4). In Year 3 the children will learn all about Agatha Farlingham, a young explorer who is snatched by a gigantic hairy monster. Year 4 will join Jessa and Thorkil who have been banished to the end of the earth. They are forced to cross paths with the unknown terror...The Snow-Walker's Son. Wait and see to find out more!

Spellings will be linked to our work on Get Spelling and will come home on a Monday. Spellings will be stuck into reading record books so please ensure that they are in school, especially on that day. Please support your child(ren) to learn spellings ready to be tested on Fridays.

Reading

We will be developing our understanding of reading through reading skills sessions. Please listen to your child read as least three times a week and make a note of it in the reading record book. Don't forget that every time your child(ren) reads they get a raffle ticket which goes into a weekly draw to win a bonus 30 early bird points.

Maths

During this term Year 3 will be continuing to expand their understanding of multiplication and division by learning formal written methods for multiplying and other ways to solve two digits divided one digit calculations. Then we will move on to explore money and statistics. In Year 4 we will also be focusing on multiplication and division of the 11 and 12 times tables and learning how to multiply 3 one digit numbers. Year 4 will then move on to looking at area and fractions.

Times tables

Please support your child(ren) with the learning of their times tables. Children in Year 3 and 4 need to learn and recall facts for all the times tables up to 12 x. They are tested every week and all children will know which times table they need to be learning. If you could keep practising with your child(ren) we will all become times table superstars!

Key Dates: - Please see attached sheet

Thank you in advance for all your support. We hope you have a fun filled, family Christmas! Enjoy the rest and we will see you in the New Year!

Year 3 and 4 Team