

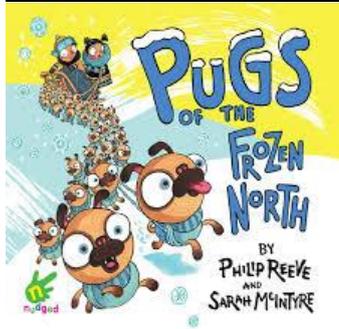
Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 Term 1 2019/20

Welcome to 2019! We hope you all had a great break and have come back full of energy for the school year. We have all had a relaxing summer and are really excited to be back at school, with lots of amazing learning opportunities planned for the coming year.

Key date: We invite you to our Parent Information Meeting on Thursday 26th September at both 3:10pm or 3:30pm

Readers and Writers



This term, we will study the book *Pugs of the Frozen North* which was written by Philip

Reeves and Sarah McIntyre. The book promises to be adventurous and fun to read. We will be planning an adventure story of our own based on the characters we meet. Alongside this, children will learn key reading skills including skimming and scanning a text to find information, as well as how to answer questions that require the retrieval of facts from a text.

Mathematicians



For this term our maths unit is place value. We will look at the value of numbers up to 10,000, including comparing and ordering them, as well as rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

We will also continue to learn the multiplication tables, including 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10. As always, please support at home by practising these with your child. If you type 'Topmarks Bingo' into Google you will get a link to a fun website with bingo games to play with your child, which will really help with their learning of the multiplication tables.



Scientists

In Science, the children will learn about how sound is

created and how it travels. We will learn about the characteristics of sound such as pitch and volume along with how these can be altered. In practical lessons we will look at ways to *insulate* and protect our ears from loud noises and why this is important, and we shall be conducting experiments to see how successful we have been.



Geographers and Historians

This term we will learn about Vikings. From their invasion of the

British Isles in 783AD through the defeat of King Harold by William the Conqueror in 1066, this fascinating history charts the settlement of Britain by a brave nomadic people. Initially considered pirates by the Anglo-Saxon communities they plundered, the Vikings soon settled in parts of Britain, farmed the land and set up systems of government in the Kingdom they called the Danelaw. We will be writing from the perspective of the people who lived here when these fearless warriors first arrived.



Starting this term, we will be taking children for swimming lessons every Thursday afternoon. Children will need to remember to bring a swimming costume and towel for each lesson. A team of trained instructors will supervise all lessons and Mr Brownlow,

Mrs Duale and Miss Shallcross will walk the children to and from the leisure centre.



We have started to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have ten spellings to learn every week as part of their homework and it is very important that they are supported to learn these before being tested on a Friday afternoon.



For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will be set Mathletics activities for them to access online at mathletics.com. We have a new library which the children will use every week. Please find time to read for 20 with your child every day.

Yours Sincerely,
Mr Brownlow