

## Year Four

### Mr Jenkins

#### Teaching Assistants: Debbie and Stacey

#### Mr Jenkins top tips:

- Have a positive attitude to learning
- Follow the school rules
- Be kind to everyone
- Read everyday.
- Practise your times tables every day.
- Remember learning should be challenging and fun.

#### Homework

Children will receive homework on Wednesday. In Year Four, weekly homework will be:

- Daily Reading (with responses in the reading journal)
- One SPaG Task - a separate book will be given for this
- Ten spelling words
- To write a comment on the Junior Weekly article
- Practise of times tables through Times Tables Rock Stars (minimum of 25 minutes spent each week)

All homework needs to be completed for the following Wednesday morning. Please upload the spelling sentences to Google Classroom for me to mark and make a comment on the Junior Weekly article that is posted on Google Classroom. The SPaG book should be brought into school for Wednesday to be marked in class. Children will be tested on their spellings each Wednesday and their score will be recorded in their reading journal.

#### This half term our learning will be based around the theme of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

#### Reading

For guided reading lessons this term we will be using the book Viking Voyagers which looks at the Viking civilisation and links well with the book we are using in English. This links well with our Anglo-Saxons and Vikings theme in English, geography and history.

#### English

We have started reading the book Odd and the Frost Giants which is a fictional story set against a backdrop of Viking myths. We will use this book to learn different grammatical skills produce a range of different outcomes.

#### Maths

Please support your children to keep their times tables knowledge running smoothly! We rely more and more on quick recall of mental maths facts to underpin our learning. Time spent practising on Times Tables Rock Stars forms part of their weekly homework. There will be a national times tables test for Year 4 on their times tables knowledge.

### **Science**

Our topic this half term is Sound. Children will learn about how sound is created and how to make different sounds. There will be a lot of practical lessons and experiments to engage the children including making their own instruments.

### **R.E**

This term we will be asking the question - Who is Jesus? We will explore the different ways Jesus is symbolised and how Christians use and interpret this information.

### **Theme**

Our theme for this term is Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will be looking at how these civilisations invaded and settled in Britain after the Romans left. We will be looking at the legacies they left and how it has impacted Britain.

### **PE**

Children will have PE on Tuesday and Friday. Children can wear their PE kits into school on these days.

### **PSHE**

At Boutcher School, we teach Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) and relationships as a whole-school approach to underpin children's development as people and because we believe that this also supports their learning capacity. We use the Jigsaw Programme which offers us a comprehensive, carefully thought-through Scheme of Work which brings consistency and progression to our children's learning in this vital curriculum area. The Curriculum map can be found on the school website. Our new topic is Dreams and Goals.

### **Computing**

We will use code.org to teach the computing curriculum. Each child will have their own login and will have one session weekly.

### **Music**

Year Four will be learning drumming on a weekly lesson each Wednesday. If your child is in the choir, this will continue on Thursday after school.