

## 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

This half term we will start to read Varmints which is a fantastic book looking at habitat change and the impact it has on living things. We will then move onto Weslandia that also looks at habitat change and civilisation. This will also tie into our science topics for this term.

#### 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 topics this half term are Living Things and Their Habitats and Animals including Humans. We will classify and group living things, look at the environments living things inhabit in and how they can change naturally and through human intervention before moving onto looking at the human body and how these are different to animals.

### **R.E**

This term we will be looking at Hinduism. We will see why certain symbols, teachings and beliefs are important to Hindus and what it means to be a Hindu.

### **Theme**

Our theme for this term will continue to be the 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 Relationships.

### **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.