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St Martin's CE  
Primary School

## Homework

Each week your child will be sent home with a list of spellings to practise. They will need to practise these in preparation for a spelling test in the following week. Your child will also be given a list of words that they need to be able to spell at the end of Year 4. You can use this to practise spelling with your child whenever you have time to spare. It would be great if you could encourage them to log into Spelling Shed too.

Occasionally your child will be given a piece of Maths or English homework to complete at home. This will be something that they have already covered in school or a reading comprehension activity. Please encourage your child to complete this activity.

## Don't forget...

Your child will be heard reading every week in school and this will supplement reading activities in lessons. We would appreciate it, therefore, if you could ensure your child brings their reading book into school every day. Your child will normally do P.E. on Tuesday. Could you please ensure your child brings in appropriate P.E. kit on that day. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure they remove earrings before arriving at school, if they are unable to remove them by themselves.

## Year 4 Curriculum Leaflet

In this leaflet you will find out about what your child will be learning during this term and how you can help them at home.

It gives you information about what is going to be taught in all areas of the curriculum in school and suggests some ways in which you can get involved and help out at home.

We see this as a great opportunity for you to share in your child's education.

On the back page you will find further information regarding homework and what to expect each week.

Thank you for your support!  
Year 4 Staff

Mr. Fereday

Miss Foster

## Did you know...?

The people known as the Anglo-Saxons were immigrant farmer warriors who came to Britain from Germany, The Netherlands and Denmark? A lot of the language we use today derives from Anglo-Saxon times. For Example, Wednesday used to be Woden's Day.



## Our Topic

Our topic is called 'Invaders and Settlers'. During the first half term the children will learn about the Anglo-Saxon period of British History. Children will learn about the reasons for the invasions, how the Anglo-Saxons developed settlements and their beliefs and culture. They will be able to make comparisons between life then and life now. In Art and Design lessons, children will create Anglo-Saxon Jewellery and they will also design a model of an Anglo-Saxon settlement. After half term, we will turn our focus to the invasions and settlement of the Vikings in Britain. The children will learn about the powerful ships that the Vikings built. Children will also explore the important work that archaeologists do in finding out about the past.

## RE & PSHE

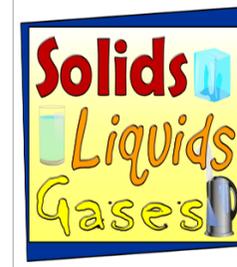
In RE children will be exploring why Jesus is such an inspirational figure to Christians. Lessons will have a strong focus toward the Easter story and the children will explore the significance of Jesus's death on The Cross and his Resurrection. Your child will also prepare and take part in our Easter Production.

## Maths

During this term, we will work on the four operations, developing and consolidating methods of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. In geometry lessons, will be learning how to draw reflections of shapes accurately. We will draw lines and shapes using accurate measurement of length and angle, and we will practise using compasses. In data and measure lessons, we will learn how to convert between different units of measurement. We will also begin to apply the skills we have learnt to a number of different problems, including 'real life' problems. We will also be solving problems involving time and time duration. It would be useful if you could find time to practise times tables and number bonds with your child.

## Science

Our topic for science this half term is about materials and their properties. Children will explore the changes in state which occur in some materials, and identify reversible and irreversible changes.



## English

During English lessons, children will be reading the story 'How To Train Your Dragon'. They will be discussing what happens in the book and describing the characters. This will develop their comprehension skills and their ability to use the text to justify answers.

In writing sessions, children will be focusing on extending their vocabulary to make their writing more interesting. This will involve learning about and writing different styles of poetry (such as list poems and cinquain poems) as well as how to write a narrative piece.

Children will also be focusing on being able to spell words from the year 4 word list correctly. Please ask a member of staff if you would like a copy of these spellings to practise at home. You could also help improve your child's handwriting by practising this with them throughout the week.

## Reading

Your child will bring home a reading book to read to you. These books are chosen carefully based on assessments to help your child make the best progress with their reading. We would appreciate it if you could listen to your child read regularly. Children will be receiving a reading record that will give you the opportunity to record brief comments to let the teacher know how your child is getting on.

When reading, prompting your child to discuss what they have read and asking them questions will improve their comprehension skills.