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Information

Your child will be provided with a Learning Journal which will support their learning in the classroom and at home. The tasks they will be provided with further their learning in topics they are currently learning about in class.

This may include:

- Practising a mental maths skills and writing skills
- Times tables
- Thematic and Science research (this will alternate weekly). This will require you to help your child deepen their knowledge about the topic being taught in class. It could be to carry out research or it might just be providing the opportunity for your child to discuss a particular aspect of the topic that they have learned in school.
- Handwriting and spellings. Occasionally, your child will be given a handwriting exercise to complete at home in order to improve the presentation of their work.

If you have any questions about your child's Learning Journal, please contact your class teacher.

Year 4 Curriculum Leaflet Autumn

Hello and welcome back to St Martins! 😊

Welcome to year 4. This leaflet will inform you about your child's learning during this academic year and how you can support their learning at home.

Thank you for your continued support!

Class teachers

Miss Thompson (4ET)
Miss Rodgers (4VR)

Teaching support

Mrs Paskin (4ET)
Mrs Stokes (4VR)

Traders and Raiders

The Roman empire has started to collapse and Britain is conquered by invaders from Europe! The Anglo-Saxons refuse to leave because the land and riches are too tempting. As the Anglo-Saxons spent more and more time in England, culture and society started to become more advanced....then the Vikings arrived! Get your shields ready!



English

In English this term Year 4 will be reading a variety of texts including both fiction and non-fiction texts. Our focus will be developing reading accuracy and understanding.

Reading books will be required in school every day as staff will be listening to readers regularly. Listening to your child read will benefit their development and will help develop their confidence in reading fluently. Some examples of questions you could ask your child are:

- What do you think _____ means?
- Can you predict what will happen next?
- Can you explain the relationship between _____?
- Can you summarise what has just happened in this paragraph/chapter?

In writing, we will focus on improving the grammatical accuracy of our sentences. We will also try to make our sentences more 'exciting' by improving vocabulary and varying the types of sentence we use.

RE

In RE lessons, we will be investigating certain aspects of Judaism and the Christian religion. When studying aspects of Christianity, children will be looking more closely at passages from the Bible and discussing how Christians use these to guide their daily lives.

Thematic topic

This term in our thematic lessons we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. We will explore the following key areas:

- Who were the Anglo-Saxons and what impact did they have on England?
- Alfred the Great and his 7 kingdoms.
- Locating countries on the world map in relation to the Anglo-Saxon and Viking era.
- Create a Saxon shield.
- Viking trades and raids.
- To explore life in England over 1000 years ago!

Science

In science, the children will describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans, including the stomach, small and large intestine. They will also be learning how to identify the different types of teeth in humans and their role in digestion.

We will also be comparing the teeth of humans and animals and how this relates to the differences in diet.



Maths

During this term, we will continue to work on the four operations, developing and consolidating methods of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We will begin to apply these methods to decimal numbers, fractions and negative numbers. In Geometry, we will perform reflection of objects. We will draw objects using accurate measurement of length and angle and we will practice using compasses. In Data and Measure, we will continue to look at time and time duration problems as well as learning how to convert between different units of measurement. In Reasoning, we will apply the skills we have learned to a variety of puzzles and 'real life' problems.

To help your child develop their mental maths skills you could practice multiplication facts with them. In addition, you could practice other number facts such as number bonds to 100 (i.e. $60 + 40 = 100$; $23 + 77 = 100$; $91 + 9 = 100$ etc.).

Don't Forget...

- We will have PE on Thursday afternoons (4ET) and Thursday mornings (4VR). Please ensure that your child arrives in school already dressed in their PE kits and please remove any earrings.
- Don't forget to put your child's name on any personal belongings to help them not to lose anything.
- Practice times tables with your child. Your child will have a times tables test at the end of the year.
- Children can bring their AR books home and keep their library books at school. AR books are based on your child's reading level.
- We break up for half term on **Friday 23rd October** and return to school on **Monday 2nd November**.