



# YEAR 4 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2



## ENGLISH

For this half term, the children will continue to create some fantastic pieces of writing. The particular focus this half term will be to create their own explanation text and a play script. For this, we will be collecting appropriate vocabulary and using a range of punctuation as well as working on sentence structure and writing to appeal to the appropriate audience. In our guided reading lessons, we will be reading a variety of different text types, including poetry and short stories. For these lessons we will answer questions based on our own opinions but also by finding evidence in the text and by reading between the lines. We will continue to choose our own reading books from school, which we will bring home to share with our parents and carers.

## MATHS

We finished last half term by learning about addition and subtraction and we will start the new half term by continuing with this. After, we will move on to looking at measurements, in particular: area and then finish the term by studying multiplication and division methods. Our Maths lessons will include times table practising as well as looking at times-table and division facts, with a mixture of varied fluency and reasoning a problem-solving style questions.

## SCIENCE

In Science we will be completing our topic on digestion and the different processes that take place within this. We will then be looking at 'Sound'. We will be taught subject specific vocabulary including the different parts of the ear and their function. We will learn what sound is and how it is produced and how it travels. We will also gain a greater understanding of what is meant by 'pitch', 'volume' and 'soundwaves'.

**Art:** Our topic is called 'Warp and Weft' and for this we will be looking at and having a go at weaving. This will link to our History topic from the first half term of the Vikings and Saxons and recreating the patterns they made.

**Computing:** We will be looking at digital media and learning how to record sounds and create a podcast.

**Design Technology:** We will be looking at food and how we can preserve it. We will look at decay and sustainable packaging.

**French:** We will study and learn vocabulary linked to clothing.

**Geography:** We will be looking at the World! Atlases, grid references, compasses and climates.

**Music:** This half term is all about Rock 'n' Roll! We will be learning all about different related instruments and learning the Hand Jive!

**PE:** We will cover football and dance this half term.

**PSHE:** Valuing Differences is the focus for this half term, and this will look at recognising and celebrating differences and how to challenge stereotypes.

**RE:** We will be learning about Buddhism, in particular Kathina, which is a celebration held in October or November after Vassa, the Rains Retreat, which is sometimes known as the Buddhists Lent.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

**7<sup>th</sup> November: Parents evening**

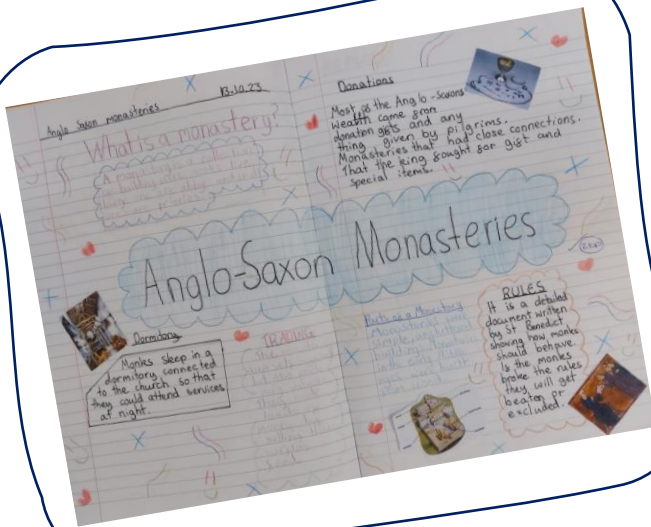
**9<sup>th</sup> November: Parents evening**

**17<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need**

**24<sup>th</sup> November: Family Reading**

**14<sup>th</sup> December: Carols on the playground in the evening**

**20<sup>th</sup> December: School closes for Christmas**



# WORK GALLERY

