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Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxing break. We would like to say thank you for all of the very kind gifts and cards that we received for Christmas and we hope that you all managed to have a lovely time with friends and family. It has been lovely to hear about all the wonderful things that the children have been up to over the holiday.

We are looking forward to our trip to Minstead this half term and can't wait to see the children flourish during our time there. Our activities on this trip will link to our topic 'What a load of Rubbish' which will focus on recycling and we will be considering how we can apply the mantra 'Re-use, Reduce and Recycle' to our lives.



Main topics and learning this term:



'What a load of Rubbish' (Recycling!)

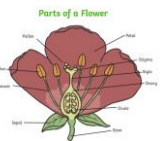
Plants

The value we will be exploring this half term:

Sustainability



We are investigating recycling later this term and the children are going to explore the reasons behind why it is essential that we recycle. We will also focus on methods of recycling. During our residential, the children will enjoy a huge range of practical sessions full of fascinating information about recycling and how fragile the earth is which will be applied in Spring 2.



In Science, we will be exploring plants and identifying the different parts of them. The children will be taking part in many experiments, including dissecting different plants to see how they vary. We will also investigate plant reproduction and how seeds are dispersed in order to grow more plants in different places.

In English, the children will be writing their own journey tales, which will be influenced by their learning of 'The Vikings' in history. The children will follow a story mountain to ensure they are writing for suspense and using the correct features to entice their reader.

In Maths we will be building on our existing knowledge of place value and working on our multiplication and division skills. The children will look at the rules when multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and applying these to word problems. Then we will be looking at solving multi-step problems by applying calculation methods that we learnt last term.

This term the children are moving through history to investigate 'The Vikings'. Through the history of this period the children will be learning more about the reliability of different historical sources and will be using this knowledge to help deepen their understanding of why the Vikings came and how their religious beliefs changed from Pagan to Christian.



How you can support your child's learning at home



- Reading remains fundamental to your child's further learning, so please ensure your child is reading at home every day. They can earn Dojo points for Reading at Home!
- Constant revision of multiplication and division facts will be key as we work towards our Times Tables Check (more information to come). TTRockstars – Soundcheck is vital to ensure your child gets the revision they need.
- Please record any learning activities that your child undertakes in their Home-link Book and/or Homework Book and ensure these are in school each day.

Homework:

This year the children's main curriculum homework will continue to take the form of Learning Conversations/Learning Challenges, which will be stuck in their Homework Books. They will then need to complete any tasks in these books. Reading and TTRS should still be recorded in Home Link books.

This allows children to consolidate their understanding. Every week the Year 4 team will select areas from the week's learning that we would like your child to share and discuss with you.

A few reminders:

- PE will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.
- Our School Library time is on a Friday afternoon.