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Welcome back to school and to Spring 1. We hope everyone had an enjoyable break, is rested and ready to go; the year 4 team certainly are! We have lots to share and can't wait to get started.

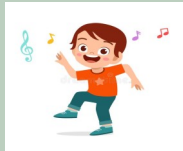
PE Days and Forest School

Please note your class's PE days for the new term.

Larch—Tuesday and Wednesday

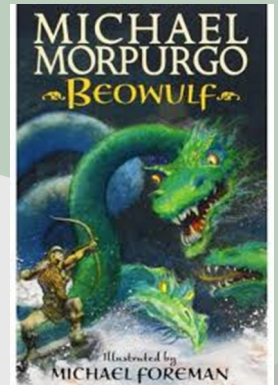
Silver Birch—Tuesday and Wednesday

This term we will be orienteering and dancing!



Writing

In English this term, we will be reading Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. The story tells the myth of the great Danish Viking warrior Beowulf as he defeats the gruesome monster Grendel. This story links with our history topic as it is a retelling of a famous poem from Viking times. We will be using the rich descriptions of the characters and settings from Beowulf in our writing lessons where the focus will also be on using pronouns for clarity, expanded noun phrases and other figurative language such as similes and metaphors. We will be intertwining character and setting descriptions.



Reading

“Hear and listen well, and we will tell you a tale that has been told for a thousand years and more. It may be an old story, yet it troubles and terrifies us now as much as it ever did, for we still fear the evil that stalks out there in the darkness and beyond.” So says the blurb on Michael Morpurgo's retelling of the epic Viking saga Beowulf. Exciting stuff!

In reading, we have a whole range of fantastic texts to help us retrieve, infer, predict and understand authorial intent, such as Paddington Bear, Alice in Wonderland, texts on our science topic states of matter, the Vikings and Chinese New Year. We can't wait!



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DT

In DT this half term we will be learning how to build wooden frames—we'll be thinking about joins, strength and choosing appropriate materials and tools. We'll end up with a Viking long boat which we will evaluate.



History

The Vikings are coming! Our history topic, Vicious Vikings, follows on directly from our last history topic, Anglo-Saxons. Children will be able to order events on a timeline and understand the impact this period has had on our present day lives.

Science

Hopefully we won't be getting in a 'state' when we start investigating States of Matter! We'll be exploring the differences between solids, liquids and gases as well as delving into freezing and melting points



Maths

Maths and Times Tables

This term in maths we will be continuing our work on multiplying and dividing while using measurements to think about length and perimeter.

As ever, we would love it if children continued to practise their multiplication skills on Times Table Rock Stars. All children know their login details.



Homework

Don't forget Homework can be accessed via Google Classrooms (if you have any problems accessing, please contact the school office). Spellings and a topic task will be uploaded weekly. Also, don't forget to read at home at least 3 times a week—year 4 want to win the Reading Cup more than any other year group—let's all work together and together we can!

Trips

Please look out for a letter detailing trips coming up next half term. One is to Thorncombe Woods and supports our learning in English (poetry writing, The Lost Words) and the second is a trip around Poole Harbour with the Birds of Poole Harbour which supports our learning across many areas of the curriculum but in particular Science and English. As ever, we will also be asking for parent volunteers so if you'd like to spend some fun time with the year group, please do let us know.

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