Dates for the Diary

- ⇒ **KMS has talent - Friday 9th Feb**
- ⇒ **Half Term Holiday: Monday 12th – Friday 16th Feb**
- ⇒ **Liddington payment deadline: 29th February**
- ⇒ **'P' Factor - Friday 8th March**
- ⇒ **Comic relief - Friday 15th March**
- ⇒ **Year 4 play performances -**
- • **2pm and 6pm on Tuesday 19th March**
- ⇒ **Parents Evening:**
- • **Monday 25th March**
- • **Tuesday 26th March**
- ⇒ **End of term: 1.30pm Thursday 28th March**
- ⇒ **Liddington: wed 1st - Friday 3rd May**

Equipment

- ⇒ **Labelled, clear, water bottles**
- ⇒ **P.E. clothes to be worn to school on a Monday and Thursday in term 3, and the same in in term 4.**
- ⇒ **Water-proof coat on wet days.**
- ⇒ **Swimming kit on a Thursday.**
- ⇒ **Reading diary every day!**
- ⇒ **Homework book on a Tuesday.**

Additional Info.

- ⇒ **Please note that jewellery must not be worn in school (small studs and watches are the exception, but must be removed during PE lessons and when swimming).**
- ⇒ **HOMEWORK: In accordance with our homework policy, Year 4 pupils will be set the following on a weekly basis:-**
- • **Spellings - To practise spellings. Children need to write 5 sentences including 5 words from their weekly spelling list so show they understand and can use the words in context. (Test and new list handed out every Thursday)**
- • **Maths – complete set pages from maths homework book (weekly every Thursday) Also to continue with times tables practice. This may be TTRockstars, which will need access to a computer or tablet.**

- • **Reading - Each read needs to be signed by an adult in order to be counted towards the termly goal for achieving 'Extra Fun Time Friday'.**
- • **Any extra work/research on current topics is encouraged and rewarded. Current topics include 'All living things' and 'Animals and their Habitats'.**

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SPRING TERM 2024

Year 4

Welcome to the Spring Term

The topic this term is *Invaders and* Settlers. Children will be learning where the Anglo-Saxons and Viking invasions came from, why they came and discover the reasons for us knowing this information.

During our Science lessons, we will continue studying at 'All living things'. We will be looking at different types of habitats and how animals adapt to live in them. We will also take a look at home humans are impacting environments. In term 6 we will move on to our 'Sounds' topic.

In computing this term, children will focus on using Isle of Tune to create layers of sound with different pitch and tempo. WE will also be creating our own trailers for a new film, using iMovie.

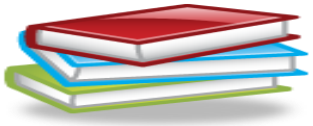
We start PE this term with dance, badminton and swimming. In Term 4, we will move onto tennis, while continuing weekly swimming lessons.

We will also be spending time on preparing for our Year 4 production which will be performed to parents on the 19th March. This year's production is called 'Let Loose!'. If anyone feels they would be able to help with any historical costumes that would be a huge help!

Literacy

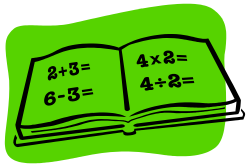
This term we will be looking at a range of texts linked to our Invaders and Settlers topic. This includes legends, riddles and discussion texts. These texts will be a catalyst for improving vocabulary, grammar and punctuation.

We will continue to emphasise to children the importance of spelling, punctuation and grammar and we ask that children continue practising spelling patterns at home.



Pupils will continue to select appropriate reading material from the library and outside of school. We encourage children to change their books regularly and to keep track of this in their reading record.

There is a class reading competition where children can earn prizes and housepoints. A termly reading champion will also be given a treat at the end of term...so <u>GET READING!</u>



Guided reading groups and individual reading will continue as usual.

Maths

A range of topics will be covered in Maths this term including:

- **Multiplication and division methods**
- **Length and perimeter**
- **Fractions**
- **Decimals**

In addition, please encourage your children to continue practising their 4x, 6x, 7x, 8x, 9x, x11 and x12 tables. Learning times table facts is not only preparation for the government times tables check that will be taking place in early June but is also a fundamental skill in understanding division methods and fractions.

There will be regular TTRockstar battles throughout the term to encourage fast recall skills and an end of term treat will be awards for those who show the most interest in TTRockstars.

As previously explained, encouraging children to practise everyday skills such as handling money, asking time problems and weighing food in the kitchen will contribute towards the children's numerical development. <u>Extra maths homework will be rewarded.</u>