



Akrotiri School

Y4

Summer term 2 2017 - Information Guide

Our learning this term

Traders and Raiders.

English – Our focus this half term will be on adventurous narrative texts. This will be linked to our work on Vikings and their legacy in the UK. We will identify features of adventure stories and write our own amazing Viking saga. We will sit around the fire and recite and create kennings and haiku poems.

Maths – We will be learning about measures: length, mass and capacity as well as perimeter and area.

Science – We will be investigating habitats; the impact humans have on the environment and on animals.

History – We will learn all about the Vikings; their dress, lifestyle, food and transport as well as their place in History.

Art and Design - work will focus on using sketch books to record observations and improve techniques and review and revisit techniques.

P.E. - We will develop our teamwork skills as well as striking and fielding skills through cricket and rounders.

PSHE - Our focus is changes and getting ready to move on to new challenges.

Computing - We are focusing on keyboard skills.

ENRICHMENT

We will grasp the horns (on the Viking helmet!) with a rune stone codebreaking challenge. We will visit several different habitats to identify and compare the flora and fauna. We will also study how humans impact the environment and decide if this impact is positive or negative.

HOMEWORK:

A new homework sheet will be sent home with a variety of tasks and different levels of challenge. Homework should be brought into school when tasks are completed. If you choose to work on a bigger project over a few weeks please send it in when it is finished.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

Please support your child with their homework and encourage them to aim high and produce neat work of a good standard. Please also read with / listen to your child reading regularly (at least 1 hour a week) and comment and sign in the reading diary. Remember to question them about what they have read and make it a pleasurable experience.

Please continue to take every opportunity to reinforce both multiplication and division facts as children can find this very tricky.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE: swimming first 3 weeks on Tuesdays

Miss Kirby - Tuesday and Friday

Mrs Cotter – Thursday and Friday

Ms Keoghan – Monday and Wednesday

French: Lessons will recommence this term with both the class teachers and Mrs Underwood.

READING

It is important that your child's reading book and reading record comes into school **every day**. They will work with an adult to improve their reading skills at least once a week through individual / guided / shared reading sessions and in other lessons. Please remember to read with your child for at least 1 hour per week and sign the reading record book.

Our focus this half term is on how authors structure events and develop plots to foster excitement and suspense in the reader.

SPELLING:

A spelling list will be sent home each week. These will then be tested in class. The whole school spelling improvement 'drive' continues and we ask that you support your child at home also (to promote the importance of accurate spelling.)

MENTAL MATHS FOCUS

In class we are still focussing on a weekly times table challenge and ask that you encourage your child to practice at home to build confidence, resilience and speed.