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**Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Mrs Armstrong**

**English**

We will be learning a piece of performance poetry—The Lion and Albert and using the poem to further develop our grammar and punctuation skills through writing. We will then read the Anglo-Saxon tale of Beowulf. We will be looking at the language in the text then using ideas to improve our own writing. We will be creating wanted posters for a mythical creatures and then writing our own narrative of Beowulf.

**Mathematics**

We will begin our journey into fractions next week—looking at many aspects (fractions of whole, mixed fractions, addition and subtraction and much more). We will then begin to make links between fractions and decimals. It is imperative that the children continue to practise times tables regularly.

**Science**  
 We are learning about electricity in Science. We will be exploring common appliances that use electricity, building and drawing series circuits and looking at conductivity within circuits.

**Geography**  
 We will be learning about earthquakes and tsunamis and how these impact people and their environments.

**Spanish**  
 We are learning about "In the classroom". We will explore common objects in the classroom and learn the nouns and determiners for 12 of them.



**Art**  
 We will be exploring sculpting. We will study artwork from Hans Cooper, Bernard Leach and Michael Cardew. We will then sculpt our own clay bowl or pot.

**Religious Education**  
 We are learning about the importance of Lent to Christians and the events in the life of Jesus leading up to His death.

**PSHE**  
**We will be asking the question: What makes up a person's identity?** We will be discussing what makes our own identity, how everyone is different and about respecting others.

**Useful Information**

**What can you do to help your child?**

Reading and practicing spellings a little each day really helps.

Reading books and diaries will need to be in school every day.

Please sign your child's reading diary when they read at home - the children who do read at home are given stamps which accrue for a lucky draw! The benefits of reading regularly at home are enormous.

Please could you encourage your child to use TTRS to ensure they have a rapid recall of the multiplication facts.

**Online Resources**

TTRock Stars

Edshed

Doodle Maths

**PE Days**

We have PE on a Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure PE kits are in school.

For safety reasons long hair will need to be tied back and earrings also need to be removed.

**Our class novel**

The Ice Monster by David Walliams

