

Silver Birch Summer Term Newsletter, 2021

Silver Birch – welcome to your last term as year 4's.

We have lots of exciting work that we are covering.

Our topics for Summer term 2021 are Vikings and Harry Potter.



Upcoming Events

PE: is on Thursday this term.

The Daily Mile is completed every day.

English: We will finish off the thieves of Ostia and write our own historical mystery story. Linked closely to Vikings, we will be studying myths and poetry and will attempt writing our own versions. We will do a lot of work on comprehension (answering literal and inference questions)

In Summer 2 we will be writing playscripts creating settings, characters and plots. This term's focus will be writing in a fluent, joined up style and increasing the complexity of work so that it engages the reader.

How to help at home. When reading encourage children to read with expression and accuracy. You may model one page and they can read the next- have fun, make up voices and make reading an activity for pleasure.

When reading ask children questions to check their understanding and justify their answers with evidence from the text, this helps to embed the story and language structures and will help with checking their retention!

Maths: One of our main areas of learning will be **multiplication** and **division** in different contexts. We will be working on number and place value, column addition and column subtraction.

We will be working with measures- length mm, cm, m and km and decimal notation. For statistics we will be learning to interpret graphs, charts and tables. We will reinforce work on decimals and fractions most importantly how to find unit fractions of amounts ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{1}{10}$) and non-unit fractions ($\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{3}{5}$ etc).

Practical activities to do at home: Please encourage your child to read bus timetables for example and measure capacity in ml. Let children tell the time in 12- and 24-hour time, plan and cost outings. Interpreting data from tables and charts would be really helpful Doodle maths and doodle times tables are also fantastic and fun ways of keeping the brain in shape!

Your child is expected to know all times tables up to x12 by the end of year 4. Our weekly multiplication test will be on Mondays and we are focusing on speed and accuracy.

Homework:

Spellings are set on Friday and are tested the following Friday. Spelling frame should be used to reinforce learning of spellings in a fun and exciting way.

Times tables tests are on Mondays.

Daily reading- please read with your child daily.

Homework (English and Maths) is set on Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Topic: We will be studying History in Summer term 1, our topic will be The Vikings. Children will describe the Viking struggle for the kingdom of England until Edward the Confessor. They will also design and make their own long boat!

The second half term's topic is Harry Potter and the focus for this unit will be writing playscripts and performing them. We will be learning about science and solutions.... perhaps creating a potion or two of our own!

Science: We will be looking at reversible and irreversible reactions based on properties such as solubility and conductivity, we will work with magnets and learn about the water cycle.

RE: we will work on Christianity and the theme of forgiveness and showing beliefs. We will finish off our learning on Buddhism and how Buddhists believe they can lead a good life.

Dear Silver Birch children,

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to all of you for making it through Lockdown 2. You managed to come back to school safely and you all sensibly adapted to being a class once again.

I look forward to taking you on an exciting journey of wizardry, spells and Vikings this summer. It's the final term before you fly the nest and become fully-fledged Year 5 pupils, let's make it one to remember. 😊

Mrs. Sharma.

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