

WELCOME BACK!

ENGLISH

The book that we will be looking at this half term is called, "The Lost Happy Endings". It follows a young girl's journey into a forest where everything is not as it seems for stories we know. Throughout the term they will use the book to write their own twisted ending and a persuasive letter.

We will also be:

- Ensuring that our sentences are structured correctly through regular grammar starters.
- Writing in the correct tense
- Focusing on the correct use of spelling through a variety of spelling activities.
- Extending our vocabulary to use sophisticated language in our work.

We will have lessons in Reciprocal Reading four times a week where children will engage with various texts to improve their comprehension skills. This really improves the children's understanding of what they read.

MATHS

We will be continuing to use White Rose Maths this year to support our children in identifying methods that they can apply to **problems in different contexts**. We will also be improving our mathematical skills in the following areas:

- Place Value
- Rounding numbers
- Comparing and ordering
- Addition
- Measurements using a ruler
- Calculating perimeter

There will be a key focus on **times tables** this year due to the nationwide formal times tables test that they partake in at the end of Year 4. It will be ensured that your child is getting regular practice of their times tables in school but can you please support your child in practising at home.

Other Information

LEARNING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Alongside the core subjects in the curriculum of Maths, Reading and Writing we have focus on many different foundation subjects. Each week we have PSHE, RE, Science and French lessons. In revisiting these areas weekly, the depth of knowledge and understanding of concepts within the subject are secured in small steps confidently. Throughout the half term we have additional focus lessons into History : Vikings, Geography : Why do we need the rainforest, Music : Singing in a choir and Art : A study of colour theory. I look forward to seeing where the new Year 4 have interests and talents across our learning subjects.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Year 4 have **PE lessons every Friday**. Children must come in PE kits on this day so that they do not need to get changed. Can they please wear their PE kits with a school jumper for cold days and a hat / suncream for warm.

The children are scheduled to go **swimming weekly on a Tuesday** beginning on **Tuesday 10th September**.

More information will be given in due course with information on what the children need to bring.

Spellings are given out on a Friday and children are tested on the words on the following Friday.

Homework will be continued to be set online on a weekly basis as it was at the end of last year. This will include English, Maths and Spellings. Please ensure all online homework is completed and ask for help if they are struggling. There are logins and links to follow to access homework on the back of reading records.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Please spare 20 minutes or so to hear your child read every night. We are trying to improve our Accelerated Reader scores each week. Access for Accelerated Reader can be found on your child's reading record.

Many thanks.

Miss Whatmore and Mrs Hancock

If you would like any more information on the subjects studied in each year group or any key dates throughout the year, please refer to our school website. All homework is also available on the website and GOOGLE classroom. Your child's login and a QR code link to our classroom is found on your child's reading record.