



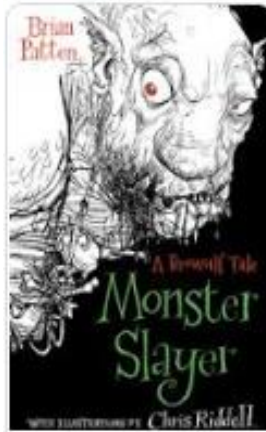
# Year 4 Autumn Term 1

## Curriculum Newsletter



### Maths

We will be focusing on place value in maths this half term, increasing to 4- and 5- digit numbers. Within this, children will be looking at partitioning larger numbers, rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and where to place these numbers on a number line. Every Friday, we will also have an arithmetic session, focused solely on the correct use of different methods for all 4 operations. Don't forget to keep practising on TTRockstars at home!



### English and Reading

In our reading and writing sessions, we will be working on 'The Monster Slayer', which is a story based on Beowulf. From this, we will be writing a diary entry as one of the people who witnessed all the terror Grendel unleashed on the kingdom. Additionally, we will be looking at kenning poems and information texts.

In our reading sessions, we will be focusing on inference, using the text and our knowledge of the world to make plausible guesses about what is happening in the story. Later in the term, we will be using our Viking knowledge to write our own information texts, using all the different features of non-fiction books to make them come alive!

This term Year 4 will be focusing on the History topic of the Vikings. Children will learn about the background and origins of the Vikings and what we remember them for today. They will investigate why they have such a reputation for being great but violent warriors, but also accomplished sailors and explorers of the world. Also, we will look at the everyday life of an ordinary Viking, discovering how they lived, their culture and the different roles in Viking society.

Our RE lessons this term will be focused on Christianity and the story of Noah's Ark and the role of Noah and Abraham in the Bible. Additionally, we will be looking at a Christian wedding ceremony and the promises that are made. We will dive deeper into the promises made in the Old Testament and how Christians practice these today.

In Art, we will be improving our drawing techniques, learning how to stipple, blend and shade. We will be learning about the artist Henri Rousseau and sharing our opinions and emotional responses to a range of art. Finally, we will create our final piece, using our new skills and learning to create our own fantastic jungle drawings with pastel colours.

Every day will end with class story time. This is a wonderful way to engage the children in reading and hopefully develop a love of reading that will stay with them.

### Science and Computing

This half term, we will be looking at different states of matter (solids, liquids, and gases) and their properties. After that, we will be looking at the Water Cycle, and how water travels around our planet.

Additionally, we are going to start weekly Computing sessions, starting with looking at the internet and different networks and how to protect these networks to keep our information and connection safe.

### Other information:

- PE is on Thursdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)
- Reading diaries and online learning will be checked on FRIDAYS
- A 'Reader of the Week' will be chosen every week and receive a prize and certificate!