

Raiders and Traders



1839 + Bures School

Hogwarts Class Newsletter

Welcome Back to our final term in Year 4!

Our class team is Miss Atkinson (class teacher), with Mrs Bodi and Mrs Haworth supporting in class throughout the week. We are also lucky to have Mrs Bacon covering on a Friday. We are always happy to speak to you about your child, the end of the day is easiest if only a short request. Or if you prefer, please arrange an appointment through the school office.

This term...

Our topic this term is Raiders and Traders. As part of the curriculum, we will be looking at the Anglo-Saxons and we will be investigating the evidence and sources that give us insights into how the different groups of peoples came together to develop the civilisation and nation of England. In science we will be looking at sound and electricity, which links to our DT unit in which the children will be creating light boxes. Our art explores textiles and still life drawings of Anglo-Saxon artefacts.

This term, the children will complete the National times tables test. These tests are timed, with the children having only 6 seconds to work out the answer and type this on the iPad. We will be working on our times tables daily and it is vital that the children are practising these at home too. By the end of year 4, the children should know their times tables up to 12x12. Each child will take the test some time between 6th and 24th June 2022.

How you can help at home...

Regular reading is vital to children's vocabulary and fluency development. Therefore, we ask that you ensure your child reads at least three times a week. We will be looking at different spelling

patterns each week in class and a copy of these spellings will be given to the children to complete as homework on Thursday's. Times tables, as stated above, should be practised at home frequently.

Please note: Children should not bring any items into school from home (for example toys or stationary).

Timetable

Due to the nature of all that goes on at a primary school, timetables may change! Science, computing and humanities are included in afternoon sessions. Along with Music, French, PSHE, RE, DT and Art. PE will now be on Tuesday and on Thursday (SCS Coach).

Home Learning Ideas

- Create a message using the Futhark / Runic alphabet – have a look online. You could spell out your name and declare war on your worst enemy!
- There are recipes online for Anglo Saxon bread – do you fancy being an historic chef and making some?
- Investigate Anglo Saxon coins. Design your own – you could have your own head on it as ruler of this new young country.
- Read or watch about the legend of King Arthur and be inspired to write or draw something to add to the classroom display.