



Hazelbury Primary School

Year 4 Newsletter Spring Two 2024

Year 4 Learning Experiences



Take a look at the learning Year 4 have enjoyed in the first half of the Spring term. The children of Elizabeth and Piccadilly classes had a fun time making ice-cream and were able to observe how a liquid can be changed to a solid by cooling. In Victoria class, the children took part in an amazing 'tablet tour' of the Sutton Hoo collection at the British Museum. They were able to see the wonderful treasures we had been learning about in class. In Jubilee class, the children are getting our gardens ready for planting, in the Edible Playground. We are hoping for a great crop of beetroot and lettuce this year!

What will your child be learning about this half term?

In English we will be reading: '*Beowulf*', by an anonymous Anglo-Saxon writer, '*Tuesday*' by David Wisner and '*The Castle of Tangled Magic*' by Sophie Anderson.

We will be writing in different genres including narrative, playscript, newspaper report, and a sales pitch, and will be focusing on learning the following grammar rules – adjectives and verbs to create atmosphere, features of a playscript, present and past tense, third person, and persuasive techniques.

In **maths** we will be focusing on revising our times tables, hundredths, fractions of amounts, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, converting between improper and mixed fractions, comparing and rounding decimals, reading and writing 12- and 24-hour clock, converting between hours, minutes, and seconds.

Our topic in **science** is continuing as 'Changing State'.

Our learning quest this half term is continuing as 'Is Invasion Justified?' Through their **history** learning, pupils will be introduced to who the Vikings were and the reasons for their settlement in England. They will explore the impact that the Vikings had on the lives of people living in Britain at the time, as well as the legacy they left behind and how it impacts on our lives today.

In **Design and Technology**, the children will be continuing to explore the work of **Anni Albers** for inspiration for ideas. They will learn how to be able to shape and stitch materials using a backstitch. They will weave, choosing their own colours and materials for a specific purpose. They will quilt, pad and gather fabric to create a coin purse.

In **music** we will be continuing our ukulele lessons.

In **PE** we will be doing hockey and tennis

In **Religion and Worldview Day** we will be discussing ways in which faith and belief can help to people to overcome challenging circumstances.

In **French** we will be learning to ask directions, describe a journey and follow action commands.

Key Dates for our Year Group this half term

Date	Event
28 th February	2:45pm PSHE meeting for Yr 4 parents
11 th March	Mountfitchet trip - Piccadilly
19 th March	Parent Conferences
21 st March	Mountfitchet trip - Elizabeth
27 th March	Mountfitchet trip - Jubilee

Our Recommendations:

Book Recommendation:
'Vicious Vikings' by Terry Deary

Website recommendation:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/vikings/>