

Spring Term 1
This term, Year 3/4 are learning

<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>We will begin this half term by reading 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket. This is a short, illustrated story about a boy who is afraid of the dark. The children will write a diary entry from the perspective of the main character, Laszlo. We will then move onto reading the brilliant novel 'How to Train Your Dragon'. The children will then create their own fact file about a dragon and write a non-chronological report about dragons.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mathematics</p> <p>In Maths next term, we will start by continuing to focus on multiplication and division. We will progress to multiply a one digit by a two and three-digit number. The children will then begin to apply their knowledge to problem solving. Following this, we will begin to look at length, mass and capacity. Children will understand the different measurements and be able to compare different weights and lengths.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>Our next component of science is 'Light'. During this half term, the children will recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will also learn that light is reflected from surfaces. We will understand that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes. Finally, they will recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE</p> <p>For the first half term, we will be focusing on the topic 'Dreams and Goals'. This involves the children discussing their dreams and goals for the future. The children will speak about how they could reach their goals and what they can do to help themselves to get to where they want to be.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">French</p> <p>In this unit pupils will learn 10 flavours of ice-cream and the transactional language required to purchase an ice-cream. By the end of the unit pupils will have the knowledge and skills to take part in a role-play activity where they will order a cone or pot of ice-cream in the flavour(s) of their choice, specifying how many scoops of each they would like.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p>This half term, we will be looking at rivers in geography. Children will be able to name all of the parts of a river and the journey to the sea. They will identify each feature of a river such as the source, stream, tributary, estuary, and mouth. Children will use maps and atlases to locate and identify rivers in different parts of the world including Africa, North America, South America, Australia and Asia. There will be a focus on our local area and the river that runs near Doncaster. Further to this, children will be able to compare and contrast two different rivers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>Throughout the unit, children will look at different historical concepts around the Anglo Saxons, Scots and the Vikings. The children will learn all about Anglo Saxon England and how England was split into Kingdoms. We will make comparisons between current life and Anglo Saxon England as well as looking at their settlements, religion and lifestyle.</p> <p>We will then be moving on to studying who the Vikings were and how shipbuilding skills helped them to explore.</p> <p>After this the children will explore the Viking invasion of Britain.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Physical Education</p> <p>This half term, the children will be learning how to play tennis. In this unit pupils develop their understanding of the principles of net and wall games. In all games activities, pupils have to think about how they use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition. Pupils learn key skills such as racket control, hitting a ball and how to score points. Pupils are given opportunities to play games independently and are taught the importance of being honest whilst playing to the rules.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>This year we will be learning to play Samba as part of the Doncaster Wider Opportunities offer. We will learn about the inter related dimensions of music as we learn about the origin, history and culture of Samba music. We will be working collaboratively as a class to play a variety of instruments and will begin to read music and perform to others.</p>	