

# YEAR 4 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

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This term in year 4, your child will be participating in some exciting new learning. To get them ready for this and to support you in understanding some of what they will be learning at school, we have collated some ideas for you to enjoy together at home and out and about.

## Topics we will be learning about:

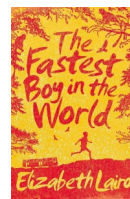
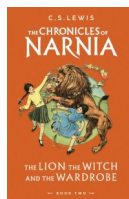
- Science - Living things and their habitats
- History - Vikings: Why did the Vikings come to the British Isles?
- Maths - Measurement: Area, Length and Perimeter, Number: Fractions, Number: Decimals
- Reading - The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe - C.S Lewis
- PSHE - Rights & Responsibilities
- Writing - Farther Narrative - legacy ; Play Script – The Plague
- DT - Cooking and Nutrition Adapting a recipe – making biscuits
- French — French weather and the water cycle
- RE - Who was Jesus really?
- Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Christian
- RE—Just how important are our beliefs?
- Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Christian
- Art - Knowledge of Artists

## Books we are sharing in school:

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

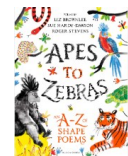
The Fastest Boy in the World

Float



## Books we are listening to in school:

Norse Myths (Sif and her Golden Hair, Odin's Eye and Fenris the Wolf).



## Books to read/listen to and share at home:

Apes to Zebras: An A-Z of Shape Poems.

Little People, Big Dreams: David Attenborough

The Last Bear - Hannah Gold

Beowulf—Michael Morpurgo

So You Think You've Got it Bad? A Kid's Life as a Viking- Chae Strathie and Marisa Morea

The Rhythm of the Rain - Grahame Baker Smith

For more Year 4 books see: [Year 4 School Reading List](#)

For more Year 5 books see: [Year 5 School Reading List](#)



## Maths:

In maths we will be continuing working on Multiplication and Division and then beginning our work on Area and Perimeter. We will be continuing to work on our times tables and will be putting more practice sheets on Class Dojo for your child to practise. We will be starting work on Fractions and will put some helpful videos on Class Dojo to help you support your child with this topic

## Things to create for Dojo points:

- Things to create: A Viking long ship, a Viking home, a Viking shield
- Imagine you are a Viking arriving in Britain —describe your journey as you travel to Britain. What do you see? What do you encounter?
- Create a cartoon strip about one of the Viking Gods retelling one of their famous adventures
- Create a mind map about what you know/think you know about Habitats. Throughout the term, add to your mind map the new information that you learn.
- Presentation on a particular habitat
- Create a leaflet to inform people about the different habitats around the world and how animals adapt to live in these environments.
- As you travel to school, take note of the different animals that you see. With the help of a grown up, research and draw the life cycle of these animals.
- Create your own quiz about a topic that we have covered this year in Science - we can complete the quiz in school!
- Create a water cycle experiment. Fill a large bowl with water. Put an empty pot in the middle of the water. Cover the bowl with film and place on a sunny windowsill for a few days. You should soon see the water start to evaporate, it will cool and condense on the film before falling into the empty pot as 'rain'.
- Create your own time tables quiz/game to help people practise their times tables
- Write a diary entry for the children as they arrive in Narnia describing their first impressions and draw a picture illustrating this.
- Create a poster advertising the film The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe
- Create a poster explaining how to say the different types of weather in French
- Design an item of furniture for your house. Label how your design is suitable for its function and target audience.



## Places to visit:

- The local river
- Museum of London— the Vikings influence on Britain
- Local places of worship
- National Portrait Gallery
- Natural History Museum
- Go for a walk in the countryside and look at how animals adapt to their environment
- Library
- Kew Garden
- British Museum

## Websites to explore

### History - Vikings

Horrible Histories The Vikings and Saxons -

The Vikings (animation)

Life in the Time of the Vikings | The Story of Britain | BBC Teach

Vikings

KS2 English: Viking Sagas

### Science - Habitats

Year 4 Living things and their habitats

Living Things and Their Habitats Year 4 Unit

Living things: Video playlist

### Maths - Area

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=area+and+perimeter>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkkrxyc>

Year 4 Maths: Finding the area of a shape <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-7lInqDYa0>

Maths: Perimeter

Perimeter for Kids

What is Perimeter?

How do you calculate perimeter?

Maths: Multiplication and Division

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

[https://www.mathplayground.com/grade\\_4\\_games.html](https://www.mathplayground.com/grade_4_games.html)

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/7/multiplication-and-division>

Short Multiplication

Short Division

Times Tables Rocks Stars: <https://ttrackstars.com/>

### Maths - Fractions

Year 4 Fractions

Year 3 and 4 Fractions of an Amount and Adding Fractions

Equivalent fractions

Equivalent fractions