Year 4 – Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Our Year 4 Team

- **Miss Thomas (Class Teacher):** Monday–Friday
- **Mrs Popey (Teaching Assistant):** Monday–Friday mornings
- **Miss Baker:** Monday afternoons
- **Madame Leze:** Friday afternoons

Below is a brief overview of the subjects your child will be exploring this half term!

Science – Plants and Animals

Children will be introduced to the classification of plants and animals, exploring groups such as vertebrates and invertebrates in more detail. Working scientifically, they will identify similarities and differences, record their findings and develop their use of scientific vocabulary.

History – Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Building on their learning from Year 3, children will explore the Viking invasions and settlements in this part of the country. They will learn about Viking daily life, religion and culture before moving on to discover the Norman Invasion.

Design and Technology – Sewing

We have an exciting practical project this half term! Children will design, make and decorate their own cushion. They will research and investigate different sewing techniques, experiment with materials, and evaluate their finished designs. At the end of the project, they will have a handmade cushion to take home and enjoy!

Computing – Logo

Children will develop their understanding of programming through giving instructions and using commands to create shapes and patterns. They will build their logical thinking and problem-solving skills as they learn to write and refine simple programs.

PSHE – Celebrating Differences

With Madame Leze, children will explore the theme of *Celebrating Differences*. They will learn that differences can be a positive thing, why it is important not to judge a book by its cover, and how being kind or unkind can affect others.

RE – Christianity The Nativity Story

During this special time of year, children will work with Miss Baker to explore significant events from the Nativity story and develop their understanding of its importance and meaning.

PE and Swimming

Swimming will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons, with children attending in alternating groups.

While one group is swimming, the other group will take part in an extended PE session. This half term, children will be learning rugby, an invasion game, developing their attacking and defending skills, teamwork and understanding of game tactics.

Homework

Homework typically consists of completing 3 reads a week and completing the homework sheet which is tailored to the child to consolidate our class learning. All types of times table practice is welcomed as well as frequent usage of Times Table Rock Stars.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any concerns or queries please get in touch with me via office@hoveton-st-johns.norfolk.sch.uk where your email will be forwarded or catch me outside at hometime to arrange a convenient time to have a conversation.

Miss Thomas and Mrs Popey.