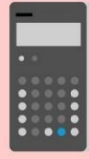


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 ENGLISH	This term, Year 4 will be inspired by <i>How to Train Your Dragon</i> to write exciting dragon-themed stories. They will develop their descriptive writing, expand their vocabulary, and apply key grammar skills, including fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and accurate punctuation.	 MATHS	Place value and addition and subtraction. This will involve developing fluency in written and mental calculations and opportunities to apply this in practical situations where we will learn how to solve word problems.
 SCIENCE	Living things and their habitats. recognise that living things can be grouped. Use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.	 COMPUTING	Microsoft Office 365: Computing systems and networks: Collaborative Learning We will be learning how to contribute to someone else's work effectively and how to create a digital survey. We will find out how to create and share a Microsoft Form as well as analyse data created.
 HISTORY	Vikings in Anglo-Saxon Britain. We will learn who the Vikings were as well as when and where they raided and settled. The children will find out about the Anglo-Saxon kings who ruled during the 'Viking Age' and examine their influence and significance in British history as well as everyday Viking life.	 ART	Painting and Mixed Media In this unit, pupils will learn how artists use tone, tint and shade to create light, shadow and form. They will explore still life composition, mix and apply tones using paint, and create a final painting that shows objects as three-dimensional.
 P.E	Swimming and Netball Derby County SSP lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons. The children will also be doing Swimming on a Thursday. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit and footwear for outdoor and indoor sessions. Please label PE clothes.	 MUSIC	Children will learn to keep a steady beat, recognise high and low pitches, and begin plucking simple tunes on string instruments using correct technique. They will also explore contrasting pieces of music, and learn how to handle and care for instruments safely and responsibly with the Wider Opportunities String Instrument Team.
 P.S.H.E	We will be learning how to look after our physical and mental health. The importance of a balanced diet, staying hydrated, being active, developing a growth mindset, and knowing how to seek support when needed. How kindness, resilience and positive daily habits can help us stay healthy, happy and ready to learn.	 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Are all religions equal? In this unit, we will be exploring the many connections between religious worldviews. We will explore these geographical and historical links between religious founders. We will look at how and where they found their inspiration.

