



Brackenhill Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 – Cedar and Larch

Theme this half term: Saxon King – Harold Godwinson

Dear Parents & Carers,

This half term, the children will be completing their previous unit of “Cry Freedom” where we will continue explore slavery across different continents around the world. We will also be exploring the work of the mysterious artist Banksy.

As the new Spring term begins, we would like to kindly remind you of the importance of your child learning their times tables. Weekly homework is given out for the times tables we learn in class so please ensure they practise the times table of the week. The children have a TT Rockstars login that they can access to practise all their times table online. We would also like to remind you about reading at home with your child. The effect of reading for just 20 minutes a day with your child has an astonishing effect on your child’s reading so please try to do this as often as you can with your child. Each child has been given a log-in for the online reading platform “MyOn” – which has over 1000 books on it! Please also work with your child to learn their spellings which you will find listed below for this half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

What will we be learning about and how can you help your child?

English: We will start the new year with exploring poems and rewriting our own version of The Edible Bedroom. We will then be moving onto looking at the human digestive system and then writing our own explanations of the digestive system. You can help your child at home by researching the digestive system. Your child could also make a model of the digestive system.

Maths: We will be continuing to work on multiplication and division followed by learning about length and perimeter. Please continue to support your child at home by encouraging them to learn and practise their times tables and division facts (fact families). They can use their individual login sheets to log into online on the various sites provided.

Theme: We will be learning about the settlement in Britain by the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. We will also learn an aspect in British history that extends pupils’ chronological knowledge beyond 1066. You can help your child at home by researching how and when the Anglo Saxons and Scots settled in Britain. They can also research about who the Saxon King Harold Godwinson was. They could create a poster to present their work.

Reminders

PE Days – Both Larch and Cedar class will have their PE day on a Tuesday again.

Please ensure water bottles are taken home daily, washed and then returned the following day with fresh water.

Can we also kindly remind you that food containing nuts **should not** be included in packed lunches as we are a nut free school.

Your child will either be bringing home a reading book or should use their MyOn log-in to read online. Please can you try to listen to them read and then when they have completed the book, they will take a quiz in school about what they have read. When they complete the quiz, they will change their book for a new one.

Spellings for the half term

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
visited	generous	consideration	magician	conclusion	omission
reminded	nervous	creation	musician	decision	mission
comforted	tremendous	question	optician	division	aggression
preferred	jealous	rotation	technician	erosion	progression
cancelled	disastrous	emotion	politician	explosion	compression
imagine	island	library	minute	occasion	ordinary
increase	knowledge	material	natural	occasionally	particular
important	learn	medicine	naughty	often	peculiar
interest	length	mention	notice	opposite	perhaps
volatile	drizzle	shovel	jumble	speckle	peckish