



## Happy New Year!

I hope you had a peaceful and merry festive break. Awesome Earthworms have come back ready to learn and we have already made a great start to what promises to be an exciting term.

Our topic this half term is 'Vicious Vikings' and we will be basing our learning around this exciting topic. Our big question is 'What changed in Britain once the Vikings invaded?'

## What we are learning....

### Science

This half term we will be learning about 'States of Matter'. We will be learning to compare and group materials as well as investigating how they change state. We will also be learning about the Water Cycle and exploring condensation and evaporation. Our scientists this half term are Daniel Fahrenheit and Antoine Lavoisier.

### Maths

This half term we will be learning about 'Multiplication and Division'. We have already learnt to multiply and divide by 1, 10, 100 and to divide a number by itself. In the next few weeks we will be focussing on becoming fluent and confident with our 3, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12 times tables. We will then move on to multiplying 3 numbers together as well as learning how to multiply and divide 3 digits by 1 digit.

TT Rockstars will help us this half term more than ever and it is really beneficial for children to be practising at home.

Remember that there is a class certificate each week for the class who has been working the hardest as well as individual certificates for 'Rockstar of the Week'.



## English

We have started our new class novel 'The Attack of the Vikings' by Tony Bradbury and have already found it very exciting. Our next novel is 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. We will also be reading different Viking and Norse myths and be doing some of our writing about this too.

We are currently learning how to write a newspaper article but will also be developing our narrative writing later in the half term.

Each week we will visit the school library on a Friday and choose a book to take home to read.

## Dates for your diary

18<sup>th</sup> January - School Pantomime. This year it is Cinderella!

28<sup>th</sup> January - Year 4 class trip to Murton Park where we will spend the day learning how to be a real Viking! More information on this to follow.

8<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day

18<sup>th</sup> February - Staff training day

## Messages

- Our P.E. sessions are on Tuesday, please come to school wearing your outdoor P.E. kit. Earrings need to be removed.
- Please make sure your child is practising their spellings at home, these can be found on the website and we will have a test on them during the last week of half term. Our last test results were a huge improvement on the first half term so the practise is paying off!
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school, it is important to stay hydrated as it helps us learn as well as keeping us healthy.