

Literacy

As we start the Spring 2 half-term, we will explore one of the most enduring legends of the world of ancient Greece – the Trojan Horse. Children will write a series of diary entries from the point-of-view of a besieged citizen.

Tying into our Geography topic, we'll be looking at descriptive writing based around a setting – a flooded town. Children will focus upon using a range of descriptive verbs and adverbs, precise adjectives and prepositions in expanded noun-phrases and reference to emotions and senses to paint a picture in their readers' minds.

Weekly spelling tests will continue to consolidate learning of common words and spelling patterns that are taught in conjunction with handwriting as we develop a fluent and consistent joined script.

Mantle of the Expert Geography / History / Art

Our extended British History topic in Y4 is 'Just *how* great was Alfred the Great?' – an exploration of how England and Scotland emerged during the Dark Ages. During the second half of the Spring term, we will focus in on the conflict between the Anglo-Saxon and Viking people.

In particular, we will focus upon the rise of the house of Wessex as King Alfred fights back from the brink of defeat to lay the foundations of a united Angle-(and Saxon)-land, and how his children continued his work following his death.

Over the course of the year, we'll become experts in rivers and bodies of water. This half-term, we will focus on flood-plains and defences.

Physical Education

In PE, we will explore how to control the movements of our bodies through both gymnastics and dance.

We are lucky enough to have our dance lessons led by Amy from Dazzle Dance!



Half Term Preview Charlies Year 4

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Dates for your diary

Children return to school
Monday 25th February 2019.

World Book Day
Thursday 7th March 2019

NSPCC Fundraising
Friday 8th March 2019

Red Nose Day
Friday 15th March 2019

The last day of school before the Easter break will be Friday 29th March 2019.

Numeracy

During Numeracy lessons this half-term, we will explore the geometry of shapes, and we will continue to develop command over number through work on measures.

Our weekly *Big Maths...Beat That!* and mental maths sessions will consolidate number facts calculation strategies and help children to learn to work more quickly and accurately.

It is essential that children practise their **Learn Its** at home each week, as the level of maths we are building to will require that knowledge to be embedded.

Science

In our Science topic States of Matter, we will explore how substances can exist in different states: solids, liquids and gases.

How You Can Help

Our homework will be given out every Friday to be returned by the following Thursday. Please ensure your child completes any work set. You can find all our homework on our class page.



It is also important for all children to continue to read regularly at home. Children all have a **Reading Record**. We would like you to sign this to indicate what they have read each night.

We encourage children to try to read a range of more challenging texts including newspapers and internet based articles. Please reinforce the importance of discussing each book upon completion in order to improve your child's ability to enjoy and evaluate a story.

It is essential that children regularly practice their multiplication tables from 1-12 at home each week, as the level of maths we are building to will require that knowledge to be embedded.

PE takes place on Monday and Thursday afternoons. All children are expected to bring appropriate kit to school on these days. For the safety of your child: Earrings and watches, etc must not be worn during PE. Long hair should be tied up.

If asthma inhalators are required, then children need to have one in school and the office should be aware of their medical needs.

School uniform will continue to be a high priority for us next half-term. We appreciate your continued support with this.