

Additional Information

Uniform:

Pupils should wear a blue, yellow or white top (no motifs please) and appropriate skirts, shorts or trousers. Please also remember that the only jewellery allowed in school is small stud earrings. Long hair should be tied back.

Water:

It is Sherington School policy to drink plenty of water throughout the day to aid concentration and learning. Your child should bring a plastic bottle to school as soon as possible which should be labelled and kept in the classroom.

Birthdays:

At Sherington we are proud of our Healthy School status. On your child's birthday, you may wish to send in a pre-cut cake with napkins (no sweets or chocolates please). Alternatively, you could buy a book or a game for the classroom. If you are unsure please speak to your child's class teacher. We thank you for your support.

Homework:

In line with the school's homework policy, children can expect to receive Spellings each week. Homework will be set on Friday, to be completed by the following Wednesday. If your child is struggling with an aspect of their homework please encourage them to seek help from their teacher in advance of it being due in.

We have asked the children to ensure that they are reading for a minimum of 15 minutes each day and completing their reading record. Reading records along with times table passports need to be brought in every day.

School Trips

We are always looking for parents to help on our school trips. If you feel that this is something that you could help with, then please let your child's teacher know. This term the children will take part in trips linked to their Science/Humanities topics.

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English

We will continue to improve our English skills through daily handwriting, grammar, punctuation and weekly spelling sessions. We will be reading a wide range of stories and information texts around our topic. Reading informs our knowledge and understanding of how pieces of writing are constructed and develops our skills as writers. As part of reading, we will be practising our skills making predictions, summarising texts, asking questions and clarifying unknown words. Children will also get the opportunity to perform their own versions of the story Beowulf. Throughout our extended writing, we will be focusing on planning, drafting and reviewing our work; editing it for improvement. Children will be writing suspense stories using Beowulf as their inspiration and using events from the story to write newspaper articles.

Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing to consolidate our understanding of addition and subtraction using column method and mental arithmetic strategies. Throughout the term, we will also be looking at Money, Mass, Volume and Length, Area of Figures, Geometry, Position and Movement and Roman Numerals.

Times tables:

By the end of Year 4, we hope that all children will have completed their times tables passport. To help them achieve this, can you please ensure that your child practises their times tables daily.

Science

Animals including Humans - We will be learning: identifying different types of teeth and their functions, simple functions of the basic digestive systems in humans, food chains, and identifying producers, predators and prey.

Summer Term Humanities Topic:

Anglo Saxons and Vikings -Pupils will be learning about why the Romans left Britain, why the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain, what they were like, how they lived and Anglo-Saxon beliefs. They will also be learning about why the Vikings invaded Britain and local links to events that are known to have taken place at the time of the Vikings.



Computing

This term in Computing, Year 4 pupils will be using A.L.E.X, Lego Wedo and Scratch to further develop their programming skills and understanding. The children will also be creating databases, graphs and charts and working towards creating their own blogs.

Religious Education:

Buddhism - We will be learning the importance of a temple or a Buddhist centre and why Buddhists have images of the Buddha.

Christianity -We will be learning the different places of worship for Christians, the similarities in what Christians believe and how coming together helps Christians to grow in their faith?

Art and DT

In Art we will be creating Illuminated Letters using different techniques including; collage of different materials; different textures of paint and layering/relief work. In DT, children will aim to create a pop-up book using different levers and leverages. This links into the children's topic work through focusing on books about mythical creatures.

PE Kits:

PE will take place on Wednesday for 4H and 4W. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit in school and that it is clearly labelled. The children should bring their kits into school at the beginning of the half term and they should stay in school until the half term break when they can be taken home for washing.

Please remember that all children in Year 4 will be swimming every Monday and ensure that children bring the correct swimming kit: dark plain coloured swimming costume and a swimming hat.

