

# Welcome to Autumn 1 in Year 4

## Here is a brief summary of what will we be learning this term

As writers, we will move onto learning about the features of a 'defeating the monster' text, with a focus on action. Our model text will be The Cobbler of Krakow and Smok the Dragon.

This links nicely to our reading unit this term. A focus will be to develop the children's understanding about the purpose of their writing and how to impact on the reader in the words that they choose to describe.

In grammar we will be learning about using sentence games to deepen their understanding of grammatical techniques.

In spelling we are focusing on everyday words and words from the Year 3 and 4 expected word list.

In handwriting we will practice our joining pairs.

In reading, we will be studying an extract taken from The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien. In the extract the author describes the dragon, Smaug and we will be investigating: What impression does the author create of Smaug?

As mathematicians, we will be reviewing column methods for addition and subtraction, securing our understanding of place value up to 1,000, and developing confidence in calculating and converting units of measure. We will also compare, order and round numbers up to 1,000..

As Historians, we will be looking closely at the lives of the Vikings and what made them fierce warriors.

As artists, we will be exploring drawing inspired by flora and fauna. Sketching will be a focus here, and techniques to create texture and shading

In computing, we will be learning about our online presence in E-safety lessons and photo editing.

In PSHE, we will begin our 'Be Kind' topic using the Jigsaw programme. Working as a class team will be a focus.

In French, the children will be learning their numbers to 20, days of the week, months of the year and everyday greetings.

In RE, the children will be exploring worldviews and humanism.

As scientists, we will be investigating and learning all about the properties of solids, liquids and gasses.

In PE, we'll be looking at the personal cog using Real PE to work on footwork coordination and balance. They will also participate in tag rugby with a coach from the Saints.

As musicians, the children will be exploring songs and adding percussion to their performances. We'll also be learning the Ukelele with NMPAT.

Our PE days  
are: Thursdays  
and  
Fridays

Our class book:

