



Ladysmith Junior School

Year 4 Learning Letter

Autumn Term 2 2018

Reflecting back on the autumn term

What we have been teaching for the first half of the autumn term:

- Where Does Our Food Go? (Teeth, Digestion)
- 4 digit numbers –place value, rounding, adding and subtracting, negative numbers, Roman numerals
- What daily life in the 'Dark Ages' may have been like, using clues from archaeology
- Writing: accurate punctuation, noun phrases, fronted adverbials

What the children have most enjoyed learning about:

- The digestive system, using household items
- What liquids are bad for teeth and observing the effects- modelled by egg shells!
- The archaeological finds of the Sutton Hoo burial mound, and making a model of the helmet found there
- Writing and performing poems

What we have planned for the second half of the autumn term

Our topics:

- Continue our study of aspects of life in the Dark Ages
- Science: electrical circuits

Memorable and inspiring moments, including planned trips and visits:

- Cooking (anglo-saxon) pottage over an open fire
- Make a seasonal decoration, which lights up/makes noise
- Nativity Play

Key learning in reading:

- Read and listen to, and discuss a range of fiction, poetry, and non-fiction books
- Draw inferences, using evidence from the text, such as characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions
- Use a Reading Journal to record their reading at home and at school
- Complete accelerated reader quizzes



Key learning in writing:

- Improve sentences, by choice of effective adjectives in expanded noun phrases
- Use and re-arrange adverbial and prepositional phrases
- How to edit and improve writing independently
- Paragraphing: how to organize ideas effectively
- Understand and use subordinate conjunctions to write complex sentences, with commas

Key learning in maths:

- Problem solving, using addition and subtraction
- Measuring perimeter – of rectangles and rectilinear shapes
- Multiplying and dividing – by multiples of 10, 100, 0 and 1 by 6, 9, and 7
- Learning the 11 and 12 times table

Key learning in other subjects:

- Science:
 - what are the dangers of electricity
 - what materials are insulators and conductors
 - how to make an electrical circuit, with a electrical components
- History:
 - what did the anglo-saxons believe
 - how was Britain ruled
 - what did anglo-saxons eat
 - what happened when the Vikings arrived
- Music: 'Ten Pieces' classical music from different eras
- PE: invasion game ball skills and skipping
- RE: What is important to me? (creation stories)
- Art & Design: printing, sketching
- PSHE: growth mindset

How you can help your child with their learning:

- Practice times tables & help them learn spellings
- Read with your child each week and help them to record their reading in their Reading Journal. Complete Accelerated Reader quizzes
- Practice telling the time and working out time intervals, on digital and analogue.