

## Writing

**Narrative** – An adventure story based on the book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker.

**Non-Fiction** – Non-chronological report about space.

## Maths

### Fractions

Understanding, comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions (including improper fractions and mixed numbers).

### Decimals

Exploring tenths, hundredths, halves and quarters. We will also compare and order decimals and divide numbers by 10 and 100.

## History

### Anglo Saxons and the Celts

How do we know about the Anglo-Saxons? Who invaded Britain after the Romans left? What was life like for the Anglo Saxons? What did Anglo-Saxons believe? What was heptarchy? Why did the Anglo-Saxons build forts?

## RE

**Concept:** Ritual

**Focus:** Paschal Candle - Christianity

## Reading

### The Explorer by Katherine Randall

Fred and a group of children crash land in the Amazon rainforest and have to find their way out!

*We will also study a selection of parallel texts to support our reading.*



## Science

### Space

What are solar and lunar eclipses? How do the planets in the solar system differ? Why does the moon appear to change shape?

We will also be celebrating science week with lots of hands-on experiences

## PSHE

**Healthy Me** - Recognising how to keep our minds, bodies, choices and relationships healthy.

## Music

### Singing.

This half-term we will be exploring our feelings through music, looking at a range of different songs.

We will then be learning one for performance.

## PE

**REAL PE - Unit 4** Co-ordination and counterbalance.

**PE** – Dance.

## French

**Au Salon de The** We will be learning how to order a selection of typical foods, drinks and snacks from a French menu and order a French breakfast.

# Things to explore with your child!

## PE:

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Weekly Homework:

**Our homework will continue to be set on TEAMS and provided on paper.**

**Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and due in the following Thursday. It will be marked in class on a Thursday afternoon.**

## Termly Home Learning:

These are optional pieces of work which the children can complete at home to help enrich their learning from school. We would always encourage children to immerse themselves in what interests them - so these are just some ideas. Please bring in and share any extra work or projects you are doing at home - we love to see them!

## Home Reading and Spellings:

\*Your child needs to be reading at home on a regular basis to help build their stamina and fluency. This can be reading independently, to an adult or sibling, or being read to. Remember to use Accelerated Reader to quiz your books.

Spellings are included in the weekly homework and are also taught in school along with the spelling patterns they represent. They are test on a two weekly cycle

## Maths:

Our Year 4 Times Table assessment is drawing closer and we really encourage you to practise these at home.

TT Rockstars is not the only way to do this. Not all of our children like TT Rockstars so if this is the case they will need to find other ways to practise them. Verbal recall is still one of the best ways to do this. Doing these regularly is the key to success!

In the assessment, they have 6 seconds to read, calculate and type their response to questions up to 12x12.

## A little note from us...

Welcome back to our Year 4 Families! We hope you had a restful and safe half term together.

As we move through this half term, please speak with your child's class teacher if you have any questions or worries. Our year 4 email is the best way to contact us. Alternatively, please call the office or speak to us at the end of school on the playground.

[year4@meonjuniorschool.org.uk](mailto:year4@meonjuniorschool.org.uk)

## Visit Reminders

The University of Portsmouth Institute of Cosmology and Gravitation workshops on **Friday February 23rd** and **Wednesday March 20th**.

**Theatre Trip - Year 4 are visiting Chichester Festival Theatre on 29th February. More details to follow.**

Thank you from Team Year 4

# HOME LEARNING PROJECT IDEAS

**READING GIVES US  
SOMEPLACE TO GO  
WHEN WE HAVE TO  
STAY WHERE WE ARE.**

Complete lots more times table practise! You can use TT Rockstars, saying them with your adults, writing them out etc.

There are lots of other websites to help you too. Perhaps try [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk)

Make an Anglo Saxon shield. You could use cardboard, papier mache, card etc. Then design your own pattern to decorate it with.

You could also draw yourself as an Anglo-Saxon.

We will be learning about the Anglo Saxons this half term. Some ideas of home learning you could do: draw an Anglo Saxon settlement, write your name in Anglo Saxon runes, create a fact file about a famous Saxon etc.

In Science we will be learning about space. To explore this further you could: create a model solar system. You could even research and look at the calendar of the moon and its orbit.

We would love for you write a review of a book you have read recently. You can make a poster or write a letter to tell everyone what the book is about and why they should read. You can be as creative as you like.