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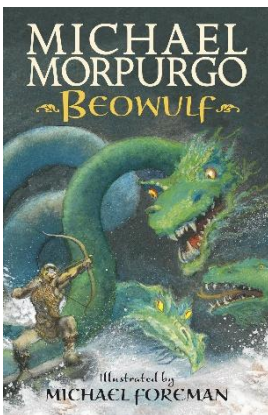


Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Year 4 Parents and Guardians,

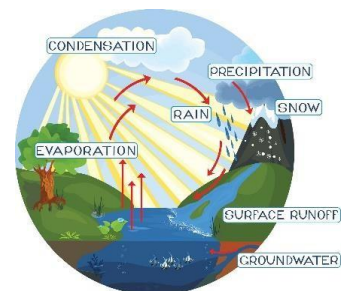
Year 4 has had a fantastic start to the Spring 2 term with lots of brilliant learning taking place across the curriculum.

In Maths, we are learning about fractions and will be moving on to discover how they relate to decimals. Children have been learning to use mental strategies as well as formal written methods to support their calculations. Along the way, there will be problem solving opportunities and time for children to reason and reflect on the various strategies introduced over the term. Please see the White Rose booklet, for details on how you can help your child with maths this term. We will be practicing daily for our upcoming Multiplication Check in the summer term. We will roughly be following the 'White Rose' (<https://whiterosemaths.com/>) sequence of learning in maths across the year. Please note that this is only an outline of what will be covered. Our lesson content will be closely tailored to the children in our classes.



This term, our Reading and Literacy lessons will be inspired by Michael Morpurgo's retelling of the epic Anglo-Saxon poem *Beowulf*. The children will begin by writing a character description of the monstrous Grendel, using rich and adventurous vocabulary. Additionally, they will write a persuasive letter from the perspective of a villager, pleading with Beowulf to help rid them of the terrifying creature. Our reading lessons will deepen the children's understanding of the text by exploring the meaning of its rich and sophisticated vocabulary. To strengthen their comprehension skills, they will engage in retrieval and inference questions, as well as using discussion and dialogue to interpret and analyse the text.

Which leads us to science! Science this term is all about the water cycle. The children will explore a range of enquiry questions to drive the topics and give children the crucial skills to mimic what scientists do. In the coming weeks, we will be exploring different groups of materials and describe how materials change state at different temperatures, using this to explain everyday phenomena, including the water cycle.



Following on from our learning about Romans in the Autumn term, we will be evaluating the historic and archaeological evidence relating to the Anglo-Saxon, Scots and Vikings periods in Britain. Some of the enquires we will be exploring are; 'Who were the Scots, Saxons and Vikings and where did they settle?' 'Were the Vikings Raiders, Settlers, or Traders? Was Alfred really Great?'



In R.E, our focus this term will be Sikhism. The key questions the children will be exploring are 'What is Sikhism?', 'What does Guru mean'. The children will be discussing and learning about the importance of equality within Sikhism.

In Spanish, our focus will be ¿Qué tiempo hace? (What is the weather?). At the end of this topic all children will be able to say what the weather is outside and which weather they prefer. Children will be able to discuss key phrases to describe the characteristics of a particular weather.



In P.E, children will continue with gymnastics, focusing on flexibility, strength, and balance, before transitioning to ball skills. Alongside this, we will have weekly tag rugby sessions where children will develop passing and catching, dodging and evasion, and teamwork and communication skills.

PE Days:

Miss Coles' Class **Thursday and Friday**

Mrs Jones' Class: **Wednesday and Thursday**

Can the children wear trainers and comfortable clothes on these days please!

We hope you enjoy hearing about our learning from the children at home. For an overview of all subjects, please visit the 'Curriculum' page on the Halstow website: [Halstow Primary School - Curriculum \(compassps.uk\)](http://Halstow Primary School - Curriculum (compassps.uk))

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Cole and Mrs Jones