

## Bishop Rock Curriculum News

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Our topic this half term is: Were the Dark Ages Dark?

We will cover this topic in: Literacy, History, Geography ICT and Art.

### **Literacy**

Spellings will be focussed in class at the moment, we will focus on a sound a week. Our morning focus will be spellings and reading before our literacy lesson.

Our text this half term will be 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. We will be reading and answering comprehension questions as well as using the book in our literacy lessons. We will be writing using different genre, all linked to the book. After this, we will look at Myths and Legends.

### **Numeracy**

By the end of year 4 our aim is that children know all of their times tables. We will be focussing on the ones they should already have learnt as a recap/catch up. Please help them with this. In the Summer Term, all children will be undertaking the Multiplication Tables Check. Please see the PowerPoint on seesaw for more information.

We are starting by looking at multiplication by 11 and 12.

We will then be moving on to fractions.

### **History**

We will be finding out about the Dark Ages and changes which occurred during this period. We shall be exploring invaders and settlers from this time and some of the major finds that have challenged our thinking about this period of time.

### **Geography**

The children will be learning geographical facts about the physical and human geography of Iceland. A land created by ice and fire!

**PE**

PE will continue with Miss Steele on a Friday. Please come wearing PE Kit on PE day.

This half term will be a focus on dance.

**ICT**

Children will undertake research about their topic, as well as working on Scratch to create their own programs. The importance of internet safety will continue to be

**RE**

Miss Steele will be leading RE on Friday. The focus this half term is on Hinduism. What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?

**Music**

We will be using Charanga music and the topic of Vikings.

If you have any queries, please feel free to make an appointment with any of the Year 4 team via the school office at any time.

We look forward to a super Spring Term.

Mrs K Bird, Miss L Steele and Mrs S Denley