



# Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 7th November, 2024

Years 3 and 4

## What did we learn last half term?

We really enjoyed our theme last half term, The Vikings.

In English, we read the story *The Dragon's Hoard* and created a character description about a gruesome Viking named Tusker.

In history, we learnt more about The Vikings - where they came from, where they lived, what their houses were like and what they ate. We also learnt about the jewellery that Viking men and women used to wear. We then designed our own piece of Viking jewellery and used clay to create it—they looked fantastic!



## What are we learning this half term?

This half term, our theme is **Up in smoke!**

In English, we will be reading the story **Escape from Pompeii** and using RSC techniques to deepen our learning. We will be writing a setting description to describe a volcano erupting and writing a diary entry as though we were there when Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD79.

In geography, we will learn about volcanoes - where in the world they are located and how they are formed. We will also recap our knowledge of the continents and oceans of the world. In design and technology, the children will be designing and making their own cross-section of a working model volcano.

In PE, the children will be doing gymnastics and, Turtles and Penguins will learn to play dodgeball and benchball. Dolphins will continue their Rackets Cubed sessions on Tuesday afternoons (see dates overleaf).



- This half term our **PE days** are **Tuesdays and Thursday** - please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and clothing for PE.
- Only water is allowed in water bottles in the classroom - flavoured water or juice is not permitted. Flavoured water and juice are allowed in a packed lunch.
- Only stud earrings are allowed in school (these must be removed for PE).

### What can I do at home to help my child?

In years three and four, your weekly homework will include:

- **Spellings to learn** - they are given on a Friday and tested the following Friday.
- **Reading** - children must read 3 times a week.
- **TTRockstars, Numbots and Letterjoin** - for at least 15 minutes a week.

### Dates for Your Diary

Mon 11th - Fri 15th November:	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12th November:	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 12th, 19th and 26th November	Rackets Cubed
Friday 15th November:	Children in Need day
Friday 22nd November	Year 3 Pedestrian skills
Monday 16th December:	Gold Ticket Shop and Inspire Afternoon
Tuesday 17th December:	Carol Performance (afternoon)
Wednesday 18th December:	Christmas Dinner and Party Afternoon
Thursday 19th December:	Magic Carpet Theatre Show
Friday 20th December:	Southcoates Talent Show
	Last day of term
Tuesday 7th January:	First day of spring term