

Upton Junior School Year 4 Curriculum

Autumn 1	Theme: Livings Things and their habitats, Anglo-Saxons	
Reading: This half term, we will be focusing on 3 main areas of reading: We will be encouraging a love of reading through weekly sessions where volunteers will tell us all about their favourite book through use of powerpoint or a spoken presentation. (watch out for emails to let you know when your child's turn is!) Throughout the term we will also be reading themed texts to support reading comprehension, such as texts on mermaids, anglo-saxons and dragons. As we read, we will be focusing on identifying and understanding the main events of the text and correctly ordering these events. We will use our skimming and scanning skills to describe the key characters and settings and use the most important information to help us summarise the text in our own words. Finally, we will spend one lesson each week practising fluency by reading aloud in partners and to the class, adding in a dash of drama too in some cases.	Wider curriculum: Art: In Art, we will be focusing on our drawing skills, particularly while drawing still life. The children will work towards a final project based on the works of either Paul Cezanne, Hilary Pecis or Nicole Dyer. History: In History, we are studying the Anglo-Saxons! We will be learning all about how they lived, their law & order system and King Alfred the Great. We will also be having an exciting Anglo-Saxons trip where we will do lots of fun Anglo-Saxon activities. PE: During outdoor PE, we will be learning about invasion games, in particular; Rugby, Football and Hockey. Each class will have a block of each game before rotating around. By Christmas, they will have learnt each game. During indoor PE, we will be learning all about circuits and how our body responds to exercise. The children will participate in circuits with and without equipment and create their own.	
	PSHE: SCARF – Rights and Respect This half term we will be learning about our rights and responsibilities both in school and in the wider world. We will also be looking at the reason for having rules. Finally, we will be learning about budgets and expenditure. Computing, Music and RE will be taught weekly on a Wednesday afternoon.	
Writing: This half term, we are looking at the books The Mermaid of Zennor and The Boy Who Grew Dragons. In our Mermaid of Zennor topic, the children will be writing their own mythical story, including their own characters and settings. After reading The Boy Who Grew Dragons, we will be creating our own magical creatures and writing both a diary entry and letter about the chaos they have caused!		
Mathematics: This half term, we will be learning to understand larger numbers up to 9,999 and what the value of each digit in these numbers is. Once we have secured our place value knowledge, we will introduce the children to Roman Numerals and negative numbers. Finally, we will use our four-digit numbers as we revise the column addition and column subtraction methods. We will also continue with learning our times tables through the Number Sense programme and through setting tables weekly on TTRS.		