

Binstead Primary School Curriculum Leaflet

Bastille Class, Year 4

Mr Woodhouse Miss Barrett



Spring Term I 2025

This Half Term we will be very busy continuing to develop our knowledge of history through the Viking period, building on our previous work around the Saxons.

Our Science topic will involve exploring states of matter through a number of exciting investigations.

By now I am hoping your children have managed to successfully log in to Times Table Rockstars. We have a weekly most improved honours board in our classroom for the two pupils who have shown the greatest improvement or played the most and shown the greatest effort over the week. This will form the basis of maths homework to prepare for the National Times Table Check. Please make an appointment to see me if your child cannot access TTRS at home!

We are also making a big push on reading at the moment, as I'm sure you are aware, exposing your children to words is hugely beneficial. As a school, we are hoping to plan a reading café after last year's success. This will involve modelling some techniques and sharing the love of reading. Look out for a date for this in the coming weeks.

Many thanks, Mr Woodhouse & Miss Barrett

PE

This half term we will be exploring dance to start the ball rolling for our mid-summer dance. We will also be focusing on hockey skills on Tuesdays.

Mathematics

This half-term we will continue our work into exploring fractions. We will also be starting our unit on written methods for addition and subtraction. Please look out for these methods on Dojo to support your children with their learning when this unit begins.

There will also be an expectation for children to access TTRS as homework this half term. This will help the children prepare for the upcoming NATIONAL MULTIPLICATION CHECK.



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Science

In science this term the children will learn about states of matter. We will investigate how states can change and we aim to make our own rain as part of our work on the water cycle.

French

This half-term our French links in well with our science. We are focusing on weather in French and we are learning to read and speak phrases to describe the weather.

History



This half-term we will be learning about the Vikings. We will investigate whether Vikings were raiders or traders throughout our unit.

Art

Our focus this half term is on Van-Gogh. We aim to produce some still life work using his brush-stroke style.

English

This half-term we have switched our attention to writing a persuasive letter to help combat climate change. Our first focus was to produce a non-letter to our local councillor. We are reading a book called the Biggest Footprint in our whole class reading sessions. This has inspired us to consider climate change and its affect upon our planet.

We will then look to apply our creative skills to write some poetry focusing on our PSHE work around friendships. We aim to write a poem and a recipe related to self-esteem, respect and friendship.