

# How can you help your child?

## Reading

Reading regularly with your child is invaluable. This includes questioning your child on what they have read. We expect the children to read at home at least three times a week.

## Times tables

Rapid recall of times tables and the related division facts will help your child's learning in many different areas of maths. This could be done through games, songs or questioning. Please come to see us if you would like some tips with this.

## Visit the classroom

You are welcome to come into the class to see your child's book and share in their learning when you drop them off in the morning or after school. We would love to see you!

# Forest Dragons



Look out for the details of an exciting dragon workshop in Savernake Forest later this term.

# ENCHANTMENT



# YEAR 4

## English

There have been some mysterious happenings around the school while we have been away. Large abandoned eggs, mysterious animal footprints and let's not forget the green slime! This term the children will be exploring the world of dragons and writing exciting stories. Our main text will be 'Dragons Slippers' by Jessica Day George.

## Science

To bring our dragon topic back to the real world we will be finding out about fossils. Children will learn about how fossils were formed millions of years ago and will have a chance to explore some wonderful artefacts. If you have any fossils at home then please do bring them in to show us.

## Maths

Be warned! We will continue your journey through the Solar System! You will be desperate to practise your times tables regularly in order to advance through Space Mission Maths! We will continue to develop your calculation skills and strategies for conquering mathematical problems. A great adventurer needs to be able to tell time so brush up!

# ENCHANTMENT

**Geography** — We will look at the eight points on a compass and design and create orienteering routes for others to follow.

**Art** — We will explore how to create different shades, tones and textures with paint to make dragon scales and pictures.

**Music** — We will compose some magical music to accompany a enchanted story.

**ICT** — We will continue to work on a range of ICT skills including programming and presentations.

**RE** — We will learn about the beliefs and practices of Judaism and the relationship Jewish people have with God.



# Questions

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# Explore

## Geography

What are the eight points on a compass?

When may we need to use a compass?  
Can you name some cities that can be found in the North, South, East and West of the United Kingdom?

**Science**  
Can you find the definitions of some of these fossil related words:

Sediment  
Trilobite  
Ammonite



## Don't forget:

- Children need a warm jumper and jogging bottoms for outdoor PE lessons.
- Yellow spelling books are to be in school daily.
- Homework tasks will be set on a Friday and are to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday.

