



This term, we are very happy to welcome a new member of staff to our Year 4 teaching team. Mr Webb will be teaching alongside me for the next 10 weeks and the class have already made him feel very welcome.

Our topic enquiry for Summer 1 is: *Was Sir Francis Drake a Pirate?* For the second half of the term we will ask: *Did the Dinosaurs walk on Dartmoor?* Both topics look closely at the local area and we hope to pay a visit to Dartmoor at some point. During these topics we will consider the differing opinions between countries, investigate trade routes around the world, study rocks and fossils and research some Tudor ways of life. We hope to end the first topic with a Tudor banquet which will include Tudor food, dance and costume.

Our curriculum overview is as follows:

<p><b>ENGLISH</b> Traditional Tales, Instructions, Recounts and Poetry</p>	<p><b>Was Sir Francis Drake a Pirate?</b> <b>Did the Dinosaurs walk on Dartmoor?</b></p>	<p><b>MATHS</b> Measure, Geometry, Direction and Statistics</p>	
<p><b>SCIENCE</b> Living Things and their Habitat &amp; Rocks</p>	 <p><b>Dartmoor, Drake and Dinosaurs!</b></p>	<p><b>PE</b> Rounders, Tennis &amp; Athletics</p>	
<p><b>ART &amp; DT</b> Clay and mod-roc sculptures, watercolours &amp; Tudor food</p>	<p><b>RE/PSHE</b> Religion, Family &amp; Community</p>	<p><b>MUSIC</b> Tudor Music and Dance</p>	<p><b>COMPUTING</b> We are Opinion Pollsters</p>

**Reading and Homework**

Just a reminder that the reading records need to be signed every week as do the homework cards. Each Friday, we count up all the children who have handed in both a signed reading record and homework card and the class with the highest percentage wins extra playtime. We haven't won this for some time now!

**PE and Outdoor Education**

Our PE lessons continue to take place on a Monday and a Wednesday. These will be outside so please make sure your child has suitable, named kit. We are looking forward to working with some visitors this term who will be taking us for some lessons in the conservation area. It may be useful to bring a change of footwear in on Tuesdays and Thursdays (wellies would be ideal).

A quick reminder that all homework cards, spelling lists, newsletters and a selection of photos are available on our class page (Owls) of the website. Please remember we are always available before and after school if you would like to discuss your child for any reason.

Mrs Kerr and Mr Webb

PS Please remember sun cream and hats should this hot weather continue!