



# Flax Hill Junior Academy

## Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 1, 2021

Mr Plume, Mrs Coleman and Miss France



### This half term we are learning:

**English:** We've been working on our Sentence Stacking approach to writing and learning about the Writing Rainbow through a short film called The Feast. Lots of skills have been explored, from similes to repetition to short powerful sentences.

**Maths:** Most of our work has been based around our use of place value and working with larger numbers. We have also started to explore column addition and subtraction.

**Science:** We are learning about Sound and how it works. We have been talking already about vibrations and particles.

**History:** We are currently looking at life during the age of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings.

**Geography:** Our geographical work will be based around understanding settlements and why people choose to settle where they do.

**Art:** We have been exploring use of Autumnal colours and sketching techniques.

**Music:** The children have started their work on the ukulele with Mrs Walters.

**French:** In French, the children will be learning about vocabulary associated with weather and the world around them.

**RE:** The children will be looking at the importance of Harvest as a festival in Christianity.

**PE:** The lessons with Mr Cross this half-term will revolve around netball style games.

### Message from the teachers:

It's been a brilliant start to the new academic year and it's so nice to see how hard working everyone is. Reading is an area we are promoting and the children look forward to our designated story time each day. Children will be bringing home a reading book everyday that is linked to their reading ability. It is important that children read for at least 20 to 30 minutes of every day. We appreciate your co-operation with this and cannot emphasise enough how important it is to instil a love of books in children from a young age.

The children have also been asked to make sure they are practising their tables every day too. By the end of year four, our aim is for children to know all their tables up to 12x12. There are lots of ways of doing this, from songs to games—make it a fun part of every day!

### Suggested Home Learning Activities:

The most important thing you can do with your child is to encourage them to read. We hope that all children have the opportunity to read for at least 20 - 30 minutes every day at home. We are sharing lots of different books together in school too.

With regard to Maths, times tables, number bonds and telling the time are other areas that children can benefit hugely from practising at home. This can be done at any time of the day - even when you are in the car or walking to school.

Please do ask if you need any help with this at home.