Year 4 Communication Note

Thursday 21st May 2026	**Topic: Summer 1 – Beyond Where We Live** **Love to Read and Learn to Read book:** Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.

This Week

- ★ In English this week, we finished reading Kensuke's Kingdom. We used our understanding of the text to write our own setting descriptions of the island, focusing on vivid detail and descriptive language.
- ★ In DT, we designed and made our own vegetable sushi. We made sure to follow good hygiene practices by washing our hands and keeping our workstations clean. After making the sushi, we tasted it both with and without soy sauce and evaluated the flavour.
- ★ In computing, we explored a range of educational games before planning our own. We considered elements such as rewards, characters, and how players would progress to the next level. We then used Scratch to build our games using coding blocks.

Home Learning

Summer 1 Topic Home Learning:

We have really enjoyed sharing our homework this week. The time, effort, and creativity put into each piece were clearly evident. The work was imaginative, thoughtful, and showcased a wonderful range of ideas and individual flair.

Summer 2 Topic Home Learning:

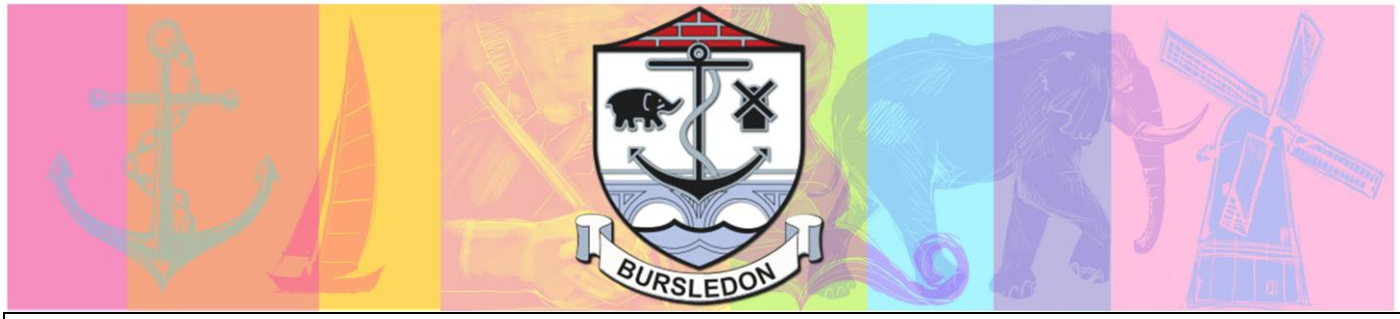
For your topic homework this half term we would like you to design and build your own Viking long ship. Think about the different components needed to make the long ship successful on its long, adventurous and often rough journeys across the ocean. Your homework is due in on Friday 10th July 2026

Weekly Home learning:

Please remember that children are expected to practise: their spellings **at least** 3 times per week, TTRS **at least** 3 times a week and read **at least** 3 times per week. This month we would like to see the children completing **3 soundchecks per week, 3 studio games** and a minimum of **15 minutes on garage.**

Reminders

- ★ Children are expected to come to school with a coat, water bottle and book bag every day. Please ensure your child has everything they need for school and that all items are clearly named.
- ★ If your child has shoulder length hair or longer, please remember that this needs to be tied up as part of our school uniform policy
- ★ Year 4 PE days are on Monday and Tuesday
- ★ Our Library Day is on a Friday.



Dates

- ★ **Children break up for half term - Friday 22nd May 2026**
- ★ **INSET day - Monday 1st June 2026**
- ★ **Tuesday 2nd June - Friday 12th June: MTC 2 week period**
- ★ **Oracy Workshop: Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 2:30 (infant school hall)**
- ★ **Thursday 11th June: Sports Day 13:00 - 15:00**
- ★ **Friday 10th July: Viking day - Please come in dressed up in your best Viking costume.**
- ★ **Friday 10th July: Topic homework due in (Viking long boat)**
- ★ **Wednesday 22nd July: Last day of school.**

We are updating our English as an Additional Language (EAL) register to make sure our records are accurate and up to date. To help support your child and continue celebrating our multilingual community, we kindly ask you to complete the EAL form - https://forms.office.com/e/i7mswW5yPh

We are looking for volunteers who would like to support our young readers across the school. If you can offer a couple of hours each week, we would love to welcome you as a *Reading Volunteer*. Your role would involve listening to children read, encouraging their love of books, and helping build their confidence as developing readers. No experience is necessary—just a passion for supporting children and a willingness to give your time. If you are interested or would like more information, please let us know. Your support can make a wonderful difference!