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Year 4 Class – Newsletter Autumn 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you back to school. I am very much looking forward to working with you and the children over the coming weeks and I hope that they will enjoy their learning and the experience of being in year 4.

Were the Dark Ages Dark?

In our topic this half term we will be finding out about the waves of invaders and settlers who came to Britain from Scandinavia and North Western Europe during the period 450 to 1100 A.D. and the influence this had on both the invaders and the invaded.



We will be focusing on the Anglo Saxons and Vikings and concluding by investigating the importance of the Norman conquest at the Battle of Hastings.



Our class trip this half term will be to **West Stow Anglo Saxon village!**

English

Children will be learning to write both fiction and non-fiction texts, for example: short stories based upon the novel of Beowulf, information pages based around our trip to West Stow.



They will be thinking about how to plan their writing by discussing and recording their ideas and to compose sentences using a wider range of structures. They will also begin to make careful choices about vocabulary used. Our grammar work will include building sentences with more than one clause and using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions

Maths

This half term we will be looking at place value and comparing and ordering numbers. We will be thinking about mental and written strategies and there will be time in every maths lesson spent on embedding rapid recall of times tables. We will also be looking at 2D shapes, angles and perimeter and interpreting data in bar charts.



Science

In Science we will be investigating Electricity and finding out what makes things work? How to make a circuit? What does a switch do? As well, as exploring conductors and insulators.



Reading

Children will have the opportunity to read every day in school and I would encourage them to find a little time every day to read at home as well. I would be grateful if you could help your child by filling in their reading record when they have read at home. Remember, it can be ANY book, not just their reading book or library book.

P.E.

The children will be taught a range of skills by our visiting coach on Monday afternoons for the second half of the term. Please could children have their PE kit in school at all times for times when we may have the opportunity for extra PE.



Homework

Home Learning activities shall be set at the beginning of each half term. The children will be given a choice of six activities to choose from. Their completed work will be shared with the class, parents and celebrated at the end of every half term. In addition, spellings, reading activities and a set of mathematical calculations (from the weekly Maths skills taught) will also be sent home on a weekly basis. The homework will be DUE in on Wednesday 10th October and then celebrated with a sharing afternoon for parents to attend on Tuesday 16th October at 2.30pm.

**HOME
LEARNING**

I am so pleased to be teaching your children this year and I hope that we can work together to make their time in school as happy and productive as possible. Please feel free to have a chat if you have any concerns or need any more information.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss Jordan
Y4 Class Teacher**