



Davington Primary School

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Dear Parents

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your child to Year 4. We will be covering the following as part of our learning in the autumn terms:

Topics

The Topics for Terms 1 and 2 in Year 4 will be the Anglo-Saxons. We will be learning about where they came from, how they lived and the impact they had on Great Britain. We will also be finding out about Anglo –Saxon leaders, traditions, myths and legends. We will be learning about counties and cities in Britain and how modern place names relate to the historic Anglo Saxon language.

In Science we will be learning about Sound and Electricity.

Please see the Topic Map for additional information.

PE

During the term, the children will be learning skills through a range of sports including invasion games. Indoor PE will be focusing on team games, gymnastics and dance, where the children will be using apparatus and creating various dance sequences.

Your child will have an outdoor Games lesson and a PE/Hall session each week this term.

Year 4 will have P.E. on a Monday and Tuesday.

Please ensure your child has the correct, **named** P.E. kit in school. As the weather is getting colder they will require tracksuit bottoms, tops and trainers. For P.E. children wear a white t-shirt and black shorts.

PE kit should stay in school all term as there are occasions when our PE time has to be moved to a different day.

Please ensure children with shoulder length hair or longer, have their hair tied back. If your child has pierced ears, their earrings will need to be removed for the session. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in a suitable bag which is labelled clearly with their full name and class.

Volunteers

We would love you to come and help during the year. If you would like to help in school, maybe hearing children read or escorting the children on a trip, then please let us know. Please contact the office who will give you the necessary information.

Homework

During the course of each week the children will be expected to complete their homework. Please encourage your child to look at it the day they receive it, so if they are unsure they can ask for help the following day.

Library

As well as their reading book, your child may choose one book from the library, which they can change each week. They will be free to choose whichever library books they like, so you may wish to look at the library link on the school website to aid them when making their choices.

Daily reading It is best if your child reads for 10 minutes, at least five days a week and it is expected that they are reading with an adult **at least** three times a week in addition to reading which takes place at school. It is important to sign their record book each time they read with you, as the children will be rewarded for their efforts and we can more easily keep a record of their reading.

To support your child in reading, you can listen to them read or ask them questions about their book to help them with their understanding. Even if your child reads fluently, it is important to talk to them about what they are reading to develop their comprehension and understanding of new vocabulary. It is also beneficial for children to be read to, as this enhances their vocabulary, sentence structure, comprehension and passion for stories.

Learn weekly spellings New spelling words will be brought home every Monday for a test the following Monday.

It is best to practise spellings daily in short bursts, rather than once a week.

Maths Homework

Every Wednesday your child will receive Maths homework to be completed and handed in the following Monday. Please ensure homework books are returned to school each **Monday** to enable us to mark them before sending them home again on Wednesday. In addition to this the children are expected to practise and learn their times tables and will be tested regularly.

Termly topic project

During the year, your child will receive separate information sheets about mini projects to be completed at home. Please note that Faversham Library have free internet access and will help your child to find things out.

To help the children in Year 4 become more independent, we would like to encourage them to come into the classroom unaccompanied. However, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us. After school is usually the best time to talk to us. The TAs in Year 4 this year are Mrs. Ellis, Ms. Bohme and Ms. Turner.

We look forward to an enjoyable year working with your children, in partnership with yourselves.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Woolf and Mrs Ogilvie
Year 4 Class Teachers