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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your child to Year 4 and to a fun-filled, learning-packed year. We have been delighted to see how well all the children have settled back into the school routine and how responsive they have been to the learning that we have introduced so far. We are certain that this positivity will ensure they thrive in the year ahead.

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 and termly home learning sheet for additional information.

PE

During the term, the children will be learning skills through a range of invasion games including ultimate Frisbee and basketball. In our indoor sessions we will look to develop hockey, archery and gymnastic skills

Your child will have a PE lesson 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 and sweatshirts. **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.

Homework

This will be available each week on TEAMS and it is essential that your child can log on to this to access the work for the week. We will also endeavour to record some of the learning that has been going on in year 4 in photographic form. The homework will consist of a list of 10 weekly spellings to be learnt for a test the following Monday; A link to 'Times Tables Rockstars, where the children will need to continue to practice their tables – each correct answer will then go towards their class total for the week – we will celebrate the winning class each week in school; A link to 'Accelerated Reader', which will enable the

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children to complete book and vocabulary quizzes at home; A weekly set of maths questions linked to what they have learned or what they are going to be learning; and finally a termly practical project connected to the topic – for example: ‘create an Anglo Saxon village using any chosen materials’.

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. We will be assessing progress in their reading each term which will result in them being given a reading age (this will hopefully improve in relation to how much they read).

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.

Water

It is important that children drink plenty of water throughout the day. In order to do this, children need a named water bottle that they can use during the day. Please make sure this does not leak and has a ‘sports top’ lid. These can be bought in the school office. The children are strongly encouraged to drink water, not squash.

Break Time Snacks

The ‘Fruit Café’ is not currently operating but we hope to have it running again shortly. In the meantime, if your child wishes to have a fruit snack at breaktime, these can be kept in their bags in the classrooms.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office and we will get back to you or put a note in the reading record book. The TAs in Year 4 this year are Mr Holmes and Miss Bohme.

We look forward to an enjoyable year.

Yours sincerely

Mr Haines, Mrs Milne, Mrs Cunningham
(Year 4 Class Teachers)