



# Davington Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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 invasion games including ultimate Frisbee and basketball, as well as gymnastics and dance, where the children will be using apparatus and creating various dance sequences.

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

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.

**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.



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## **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.

**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.

**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**

This term we are trialing an approach to Maths homework whereby children are asked to complete one session of RMeasimaths online per week as well as regular access to TTRockStars. Doing this will improve their overall maths understanding and fluency and improve their chances of qualifying for the TTeam. Children have been given their own login details for these. Please let us know how they find this.

## **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.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us. The TAs in Year 4 this year are Mr Holmes, Mrs Clark and Mrs Polden.

We look forward to an enjoyable year.  
Yours sincerely

Miss Beard, Mr Haines and Mrs Milne  
Year 4 Class Teachers

