

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 Curriculum Letter – Spring Term

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and are ready for lots of hard work this term!



English

During our English lessons this half term, we will have a high focus on reading. Please encourage your child to read as much and as widely as possible. This will have an invaluable impact on their progress. We will be collecting in their reading records each week so please ensure that you have heard your child read and complete this record throughout the week. We recommend that you record your comments at least 3 times per week. These comments should reflect the reading that has taken place and may include opinions about characters and settings, new words learnt or predictions about what will happen next. We will be focusing the myth and legends of Beowulf and Robin Hood, their own myths and play scripts.

Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and how we can use both mental and written methods to solve real life problems. We will also concentrate on fractions and telling the time.

We will be focusing on the children's times table knowledge as this is a vital skill which will help them in many other areas of maths. Please note that times tables now go up to x12.

P.E.

We will have P.E. twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays). On Tuesdays, Year 4 will be taking it in turns to go swimming. The first half term will be 4BCJ and the second half term 4R will go. Children should pack a towel, a swimming costume or a pair swimming trunks and a swimming hat. On Thursday, children will be taking part in Hockey session run by an Apire coach. This should include a white T-shirt, blue shorts, pumps and trainers. During colder weather you may wish to provide your child with tracksuit bottoms and a jumper for outdoor PE, however they will still be required to wear shorts for indoor lessons. All earrings should be removed before school on these days to avoid loss or injury. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day.



Homework and Reading

Homework will be set every Friday for both English, spellings and Maths and will be due **back in on Wednesday at the latest**. If your child has any concerns about the homework, it is important that they see us about it before it is due in so that appropriate support and guidance can be given.

Topic

Over the next term, we will be learning about Anglo Saxons. The work will focus predominantly on history and Art. Children will be learning about life during the Anglo Saxon times and sewing their own Anglo Saxon pouch as well as printing their own Bayeux Tapestry in Art.

British values

British values are taught throughout the school curriculum and during this term we will concentrate on Individual liberty and rule of law. This will be taught through topic and other lessons.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Roden, Mrs Cooper-Jones and Mrs Bisseker

Year 4 Teachers