

## Notices/Reminders

Indoor Kit	Outdoor Kit
White t-shirt Navy blue shorts A pair of plimsolls	White t-shirt Tracksuit A pair of trainers

Please ensure that children have an indoor and an outdoor P.E. kit at all times.  
Please ensure that children bring their reading records to school every day.

There will be no Zenith Leisure this term for Year 4 children.

## Homework Calendar

Homework Challenges Spring Term 1	Homework Challenges Spring Term 2
<b>Due back Tuesday 5th January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maths key skills homework.</li></ul>	<b>Due back Tuesday 23rd February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maths key skills homework.</li></ul>
<b>Due back Tuesday 12th January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English key skills homework.</li></ul>	<b>Due back Tuesday 1st March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English key skills homework.</li></ul>
<b>Due back Tuesday 19th January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maths key skills homework.</li></ul>	<b>Due back Tuesday 8th March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maths key skills homework.</li></ul>
<b>Due back Tuesday 26th January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English key skills homework.</li></ul>	<b>Due back Tuesday 15th March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English key skills homework.</li></ul>
<b>Due back Tuesday 2nd February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maths key skills homework.</li></ul>	<b>Due back Tuesday 22nd March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Research Summer Topic—Rivers</li></ul>
<b>Due back Tuesday 9th February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Half term Holiday homework</li></ul>	Homework will be given to children every Thursday and is expected to be returned on a Tuesday morning. Children need to place this homework in the box in the classroom. Homework is based on the objectives covered that week.

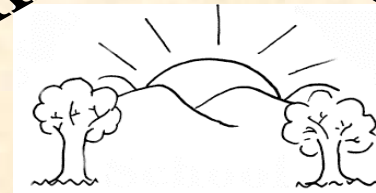
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## School



# Year 4

Spring Term 2016

**Mr Wood Mrs Gills Mrs D'Inverno  
Mrs Tye**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break and, like us, are looking forward to the term ahead! We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things that Year 4 children will be doing over the term.

This term we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons in Britain. We will be linking these topics to many areas of the curriculum.

#### English

The Anglo-Saxons provide a stimulus for a number of exciting writing opportunities. This half term the children will be reading the story of 'Beowulf' which an Anglo-Saxon legend, writing character descriptions and their own version of the story. Following this, they will be writing a non-chronological report about the discovery at Sutton Hoo. In the second half of the term, they will be reading the story 'Billy the Kid' by Michael Morpurgo, focusing our writing on description and then writing a newspaper report using the same story as a stimulus.

#### Religious Education

In R.E. we will be following the Locally Agreed syllabus for Religious Education and focusing on two Key Questions:

#### **How & why do people pray? Why is Lent such an important time for Christians?**

These questions will be taught during English sessions while the children also develop their skills writing a non-chronological report about these topics. We will also be using a story book to support the teaching of these topics.

#### Mathematics

Our focuses for the first half term include fractions, time, area, angles, lines of symmetry and addition and subtraction using a written method. The second half term will focus on position and direction, statistics, place value and multiplication and division using a written method. The children will continue to practise mental maths skills daily, including a focus on times tables recall and understanding of factors and multiples. They will also continue to solve problems using the NRICH website and practise Schofield & Sims mental maths daily. In Year 4, we continue to use numeracy workout daily. We encourage use of this website at home: [www.numeracyworkout.co.uk](http://www.numeracyworkout.co.uk) (Username:Normanby/Password: window)

#### Science

Our Science topic for this term will be 'States of Matter'. The focus this year will be on developing practical investigative skills as well as developing the children's ability to write more formal science reports. Sessions will include separating different sized solids, setting up investigations to test what happens when material is heated and cooled and using a thermometer. The children will also be working with a specialist science consultant, Ms Walker, who will be teaching science one afternoon this term, with a follow up session with some children. Parents will be invited to one session. Details to follow.

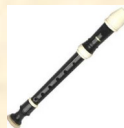


#### Computing

Computing threads will be developed across all subjects, making use of our class iPads and chrome books, developing the children's ability in Using Technology, Understanding Technology and Keeping Safe, and Data and Control as the main objectives. The children will continue to use their **purple mash accounts** (<http://www.purplemash.co.uk/login/>) in school to cover these objectives and encourage them to follow this work up at home when possible. We will be developing children's understanding of the using of safer search engines such as KIDREX or Bing to search for information about Anglo-Saxons. The children will also use [www.bbcbitesize.co.uk](http://www.bbcbitesize.co.uk) to further develop their science vocabulary.

#### Music

In Music, the children will be taking part in recorder lessons with Miss Taylor, a teacher from the Tees Valley Music Service. The children will need their recorders in school. If they require a new recorder please speak to a member of staff or the front office prior to the sessions starting.



#### Geography /History

In History, the children will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and their daily life while in Britain. They will learn some details about why there were Anglo-Saxon invasions and settlement in Britain, and some examples of Anglo-Saxon art and culture, Christian conversion and how place names today are derived from Anglo-Saxon times. We will be focusing some English work on the Sutton Hoo discovery—a priceless hoard of Anglo-Saxon treasures discovered in a long boat.

#### Design Technology and Art

In D&T we will be using a range of media to design and produce an Anglo-Saxon purse. We will also explore Anglo-Saxon Art, and develop the children's sketching skills focusing on comparing jewellery from Anglo-Saxon times with modern jewellery.

#### Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education

The focuses for this term will be linked to the SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) curriculum for PHSCE. The focuses will be 'Going for Goals' and 'Good to be Me'.

#### Physical Education

In P.E. this term the children will be developing our skills and confidence in invasion games and dance. These sessions will be delivered by our specialist Sports teachers, Mr Robinson and Miss Conroy.

#### French

We will be developing our speaking and listening skills in French and we will continue to use aspects of the Catherine Cheater scheme of work. We will develop the use of classroom phrases, basic conversational skills and the use of language games to extend French vocabulary.

Our Year 4 charity work this year, will continue to support the British Heart Foundation. The children will be taking part in a Skipathon later in the year to raise money for this national charity. In addition, the Year 4 staff will also be taking part in a sponsored walk on Sunday 24th April along Hadrian's Wall.



If you are interested in finding out more about our charity

follow the link below:

<https://www.bhf.org.uk>



#### **Dates for your diary!**

- **Anglo-Saxon Day:** Tuesday 26th January - parents invite to follow for afternoon art session (Cost for Tanya Bentham £2 per child—details to follow)
- **Mid Year Reports:** Friday 5th February
- **Parent Consultations:** Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February
- **Whole School Maths Day—** NSPCC Number Day— Friday 5th February
- **World Book Day—**dress up as a character from your favourite book—Thursday 3rd March
- **Recorder sessions:** Wednesday 10th February, 24th February and 2nd March

#### **Sporting events will involve some children in Year 4:**

- **Year 3/4 Netball competition** - Wednesday 20th January
- **Year 3/4 Football competition:** Friday 4th March
- **Hockey Development Day** - Monday 29th February
- **Cross Country competition:** Monday 7th March
- **Dodgeball competition:** Thursday 17th March
  
- **Half term holiday: Friday 12th February** (re-opens Monday 22nd February)
- **Easter Holidays: School closes Thursday 24th March** (re-opens on the 11th April)

**Year 4 'Parent drop-in' every Monday 3.10—4.00**