

Welcome to Year 4 and the Autumn Term!

We hope that you all had a wonderful break over the Summer holidays. We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children back to school and we are very much looking forward to seeing them settle into their new year group. With this in mind, we wanted to update you on a few things that you may need to know about Year 4 this term.

Reading – Reading for pleasure is the key to reading success so reading any story to your child will be of huge benefit to them. Any books they enjoy will help to engage them and ignite their love of books and reading. Therefore, we highly recommend snuggling up and get reading together. We will be focusing on developing a range of reading skills in Year 4 including: reading fluently and with expression, answering questions about the text including using inference and choosing appropriate books that interest them.

Please complete their reading record once you've heard them read or read to them. We would like them to read 4 times a week where possible. Children who achieve this will get a sticker/stamp in their reading record. They will also receive a raffle ticket to go into a weekly draw to win a book from our reading vending machine, which the children really enjoyed last year.

PE - Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays. We will always try to go out even in cold and damp weather so children will need to wear appropriate clothing every week! If your child does have their ears pierced, please do ensure that these are taken out on these days.

Homework - Daily reading (any reading is valuable, not only their school reading book); Spelling Shed – games will be based on spelling patterns / tricky words that we are learning in school; Times Table Rockstars and a weekly Maths activity will be set on a Friday and should be completed by the following Friday.

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If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

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OUR TOPICS

Here come the Anglo-Saxons!

Electricity

Dates for your diary:

- PE – Mondays and Fridays
- Brass lessons – Thursdays. Please do ensure that your child brings in their instrument every Thursday once they have received these.
- **Advanced date warning** – our Anglo-Saxon workshop is on Friday 10th October. Children will be required to dress as Anglo-Saxons for this. More information regarding this will follow soon.

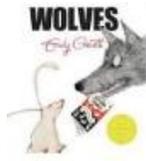


History

In History, the children will learn who the Anglo-Saxons were, where they came from, the jobs they did and what village life was like in the Anglo-Saxon times. They will also learn the impact that the Anglo-Saxons had on modern-day Britain by learning which towns have Anglo-Saxon names.

English

This half term, we will be reading a book called Wolves by Emily Gravett. The children will write their own retell of the story using everything they will learn about the features of a suspense story. Then we will begin to look at a poetry unit which focuses on a book called Werewolf Club Rules. The children will write their own poems about Autumn pies!



PE

Football - Football – children will learn defensive skills, dribbling and passing.

Gymnastics – we will focus on the basic shapes: tuck, pike, straddle, dish, arch, front support, back support.

Computing

This term, the children will be learning all about how to stay safe online. They will learn about acceptable and unacceptable behaviour online and how to report concerns.

This Half Term our Discovery learning topics are:

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and

Electricity



Science

In Science, we learn about what you need to make a complete electrical circuit and there are a lot of opportunities for hands-on investigations. Children learn how to be safe with electricity and they learn about electrical conductors and insulators.

PSHE

This half term we will develop our understanding of class and school rules. The children will learn how to say no to a friend and strategies on how to respond to unkind behaviour such as bullying.

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RE

In RE, the children will learn about the promises made by God to his people in the Old and New Testaments. Children will explore the idea of covenant. They will consider the importance of the Christian belief that all God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus Christ.



Design and Technology

In Design Technology, the children will taste and evaluate different kinds of bread. They will then design and make their own bread! The children always enjoy the lesson on how to shape their bread – learning how to plait a loaf is good fun!



Maths

Our learning in Maths will start with the development of the children's understanding of place value. We are working with numbers up to 10,000 where we will partition, compare and order numbers and locate them on a number line. The children will learn how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We also begin looking at Roman numerals and negative numbers.

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V VI VII VIII
IX X XI XII

Music

The children will learn to play a brass instrument. Their teacher will be Mr Chappell.



Spanish

The children will learn numbers, months of the year. They will then learn the names of different animals.