

## Information for Parents and Carers

### Class 4: Autumn Term 2

### “Were the Vikings always vicious and victorious?”

This half term, we will build on what we learned about Anglo-Saxon Britain to explore the Viking invasion and settlement.

We will be visited by Gary ‘the Viking’ who will share his knowledge about Viking life using stories and artefacts.

#### English:

To link to our history work, the children will use legend of Beowulf as a foundation for their story writing. The children will also write non-chronological reports about the Vikings as well as continuing with work on reading and comprehension skills. We will continue with discrete spelling and grammar learning, to support our written work.



#### Maths:

In maths, we will work on fractions and their relation to decimal numbers. The children will work on measuring, in particular, volume and mass. To link to our science topic about Earth and Space, we will look at measuring time and investigate time zones across the world.



#### Science:



This half-term’s science topic is **Earth and Space**. The children will learn to describe the movement of the Earth, the Moon and the other planets in our solar system. They will use the idea of the Earth’s rotation to explain day and night. We will hopefully be able to Skype a Scientist to ask questions and learn about our topic!

#### PE & Games:

This half term’s PE will be **dance on Tuesdays** and **basketball on Fridays**.



Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school at all times, as days can change if the hall is booked out or the weather is poor. Please provide trainers or pumps and **bobbles** to tie back long hair. Children should remove their **earrings** or bring **plasters** to cover them if they can’t be taken out.

#### How you can help at home:

- Class 4 home-learning will be set on **Fridays** and should be submitted by the following **Wednesday**.
- It will usually consist of a piece of **Maths and English** work to consolidate the learning in class: It will be set on Google Classroom so if children do not have access to a tablet or computer at home, please let us know and we can arrange for them to do it in school or have a paper copy.
- There will also be a set of **spelling words** for the children to practise for a spelling test each Friday.
- To support our topic learning this term, there will be a set of **HOME LEARNING CHALLENGES**. The children should do a minimum of **3 each half term**. *These will be celebrated and shared with the class!*
- Please feel free to add your own comments to your child’s submitted work if you want to let me know how they got on, what they enjoyed and any issues that cropped up so that I can follow it up.
- For extra maths problem solving activities where children practice thinking like a mathematician and extending their learning, there are great websites like [www.nrich.maths.org](http://www.nrich.maths.org) and [www.parallel.org.uk](http://www.parallel.org.uk) and the White Rose website has a ‘Problem of the Day’ [www.whiterosemaths.com/resources/classroom-resources/problems/](http://www.whiterosemaths.com/resources/classroom-resources/problems/)
- Finally, it cannot be underestimated how important it is for your child to **READ AND BE READ TO** regularly. Please encourage them to read and share books with you to build their confidence, fluency, and passion for reading!



#### Class 4 - Dates for your diary:

- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Children in Need Duck Race
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov: Flu immunisations (Give consent/non-consent)
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Nov: Virtual Parent’s eve
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov: Individual Photos
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: End of Autumn Term



#### Cross Curricular Learning:

Our RE unit this half term is Christianity: Christmas around the world. Our PHSE learning will be enhanced by **Anti-Bullying Week** and our ‘**Heathy Me Week**’ for this term is based on Drugs and Alcohol Education. In **Art** we will develop skills in painting, and produce artwork based on Remembrance, RE and the Vikings. In French, the children will learn to talk about the seasons and weather.

