

Year 4 Newsletter – Term 1

<p>Welcome back! We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. As ever, we have plans for an exciting and challenging year and hope that your child is settling in well to the new routines and expectations. Should you have any concerns whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact us.</p> <p>Now that the children are in Year 4, we want to encourage independence and ensure that the school remains a safe place. To do this, we request that <u>all</u> children come in through the top entrance (by the Y6 classroom) on their own and that parents/carers enter the school via reception for other matters. In addition to this, if your child is going to be picked up by another adult at the end of the day, please ensure that you inform the class teacher or call the school and leave a message. We will not be able to let children go if we have not been given permission, due to safeguarding reasons, and you may receive a call home to check.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 4 Team</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Y4 Hazel</p> <p>Miss Sahonta – Class Teacher Miss Nicolson – 1:1 Support</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Y4 Aspen</p> <p>Miss Greenaway – Class Teacher Mrs Hickman - Class Teacher (not Wednesdays) Miss Champion – 1:1 Support (am only)</p> <p><i>On Thursday afternoons, Miss Salida will be teaching Spanish and Mr Ehi will be teaching PE across both classes, so that Year 4 teachers can plan and prepare for the week ahead</i></p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Theme</u></p> <p>Our first English theme this term will be ‘Welcome to Middle Earth’ and we will be reading both the original text and the adapted graphic novel ‘The Hobbit’. As a class, we will engross ourselves in the language and themes of the text and use this as a stimulus to explore dragons and draft our own legends.</p> <p>Our Humanities theme this term will be ‘Settlements’. During this unit, we will explore the Saxon’s way of life and find out how they came to settle in Britain. We will then compare this to modern day Britain.</p>  <p>Please see the topic web for further details about Year 4’s learning this term.</p>	<p><u>Lateness</u></p> <p>Please ensure that your child arrives in school on time. Although the register is taken at 8.55am, morning tasks are set from 8.45am and sometimes link to the day’s learning.</p> <p><u>Reading at Home</u></p> <p>We cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading every day for at least 10 minutes. Reading independently is great, but your child would benefit far more from reading with an adult or older sibling and having the opportunity to discuss what they have read.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Home Learning</u></p> <p><u>Home learning will be set on a Friday, to be handed in by the following Thursday.</u></p> <p>Each child will receive a home learning folder, which will be updated with a new home learning sheet each week. This will detail the activities to be completed and will include a weekly reading diary.</p>  <p>A project menu will also be sent home each term, to consolidate and enrich aspects of our topic learning. Further information to follow.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dates for the diary</u></p> <p>Please check school newsletters for more details over the term.</p> <p>11.9.18: Meet the teacher (3.00pm) <i>Information about the Youlbury Residential will be given.</i></p> <p>17.9.18: Anglo-Saxon Workshop</p> <p>9.10.18: Parent Meetings (5-7pm): 11.10.18: Parent Meetings (3.30-6pm)</p> <p>12.10.18: Harvest Festival</p> <p>18.10.18: International Evening</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Equipment</u></p> <p>Children will need the following equipment EVERY day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct school uniform and suitable black shoes (NOT trainers). • Coat in case of wet and cold weather. • A Book Bag with a school reading book. • A healthy snack. e.g. fruit, vegetables, crackers. • A water bottle that is left in the classroom, so as not to disrupt lessons. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE</u></p> <p>Children need to bring in their PE kit on a Monday, to go home on a Friday.</p> <p>Kit should include: A change of trainers or plimsolls; A school PE or white t-shirt that is different to what has been worn for the day; shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a hooded fleece or jumper for outdoors PE. Any stud earrings must be taped or removed for safety.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Snacks and Water</u></p> <p>It is essential that the children drink plenty of water and have a snack mid-morning, to help them to maintain focus and concentration for learning. With this in mind, we also ask that children bring in a healthy snack each day, which can include fruit, vegetables or crackers. Snacks deemed unsuitable, e.g. crisps, chocolate, sweets, cakes etc will be confiscated.</p>	

