

Useful Dates to Know

Year Group Only Dates

2nd November – Y3/4 Open Morning

Generic Dates

11th October – Parents' Evening: 3:30-7pm

12th October – Parents' Evening: 3:30-5:30pm

Reading and Homework

Reading

- Your child is expected to read at least **4** times a week.
- Your child is expected to write the date and an interesting comment from what they have read.
- Your child can obtain 1 of their reads by attending Reading Club on Monday lunchtimes.
- An extra Reading Club takes place on Thursday lunchtimes for those who have not read at least **4** times a week.

Homework

- Homework is given on a Friday.
- Your child is expected to complete the homework by the following Wednesday.
- Weekly spellings and times tables are also given to the children.
- Your child can choose to complete their homework during Tuesday lunchtimes in Homework Club.
- An extra Homework Club takes place on Thursday lunchtimes for those who have been unable to complete their homework.

Final Message

We are pleased to welcome your child into year 4 and we are looking forward to an exciting and busy autumn term!

As was the case in year 3, it is really important that you continue to support your child to complete their homework and reads, as well as learn their spellings weekly. Furthermore, at the end of year 4, children are required to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. Any support that you can provide at home to help them achieve this target will only have a positive impact on their learning.

As detailed below, our topic for this half term is going to be Anglo-Saxons. If you are interested in a day out with your child which is linked to this topic then Sutton Hoo and West Stow are both local Anglo-Saxon sites which are available to visit.

Please remember to get in touch with any concerns or support that you may require. We are normally available at the end of the day for a quick chat or to make an appointment to meet.

We look forward to working together with you to ensure your child reaches their potential!



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Year 4

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English (Writing, Grammar and Reading)

English this term will start by looking at Beowulf, in keeping with our Anglo-Saxon topic work. We will be working towards creating our own myths, exploring heroes, monsters and historical settings. Children will be using topic-related vocabulary in keeping with the Anglo-Saxon theme, and exciting, descriptive language to bring their characters to life.

Within Guided Reading, the children will be studying George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. They will be using their inference skills to determine how characters are feeling and find evidence for this within the text.

Handwriting needs to be a priority as the children cannot have mastered year 4 expectations until they are using a fluent, joined-up style. We are hoping that many of the children will be earning their pen licences within the first few months!

Spelling will be worked on most mornings to ensure that the year 3/4 words have been mastered by the end of the year.



Maths

The first part of the autumn term will be important for revising basic number knowledge such as place value and written methods for the four operations. We will also cover addition, subtraction, multiplication and division within the first half term.

Later in the term, the children will be learning about fractions and decimals as well as measures.









By the end of year 4, the children will need to know all of their times tables and be able to recall answers automatically when asked. We will be having daily mental maths sessions to help embed these but would ask for your support in consolidating these at home. There are lots of online games that can help with this as well as the Active Learn games which your children will have enjoyed last year.



Science

We will begin the year by making a study of sound. The children will look at how sound is made and how it travels. They will also be completing investigations where they test out their ideas.

During the second part of the autumn term, the children will make a study about teeth and eating. Within this, the children will learn how different drink products affect their teeth through a practical investigation. They will also find out about the digestive system and food chains.

	Topic	The first half term will focus on the end of the Roman rule in Britain and the start of the Anglo-Saxons. During this topic, the children will learn about Anglo-Saxon artefacts and the work of archaeologists and historians in uncovering the past. After the half term holidays, we will look at the Vikings as well as key events such as the raids at Lindisfarne and the Battle of Hastings.
	Computing	During this term the children will produce a video presentation on the theme of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They will be taught how to use iMovie on the iPad. During the course of this, they will take photos, film videos and add in various graphics. They will also research the information for this activity using search engines.
	PE	To start the term the children will study invasion games such as netball and basketball. They will also enjoy hall time activities studying a dance unit of work. After half term the children will continue to look at invasion games but this time they will look at tag rugby and hockey. The children will also enjoy swimming lessons. Please make sure that your child has their P.E kit in school at all times.
	French	The children will study two units this term. The first one will be 'La Famille'. During this the children will learn how to identify their family members. The second unit will be 'Bon Anniversaire'. The children will look at how to say the months of the year and the numbers 1-31. We will also look at different foods and stating their opinions.
	Art	Art will link to our topic on the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, as we will be making sails for Viking longboats. The children will learn how to shape and stitch materials using different stitches as well as create weavings! Please help support us in teaching your children how to tie knots and thread needles.
	Music	Abba is on the menu for year 4 in the first half of the term! As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with the well-known song Mamma Mia, children will listen and appraise more ABBA hits. After half term, children will develop their performance skills and musical theory knowledge with whole class glockenspiel work.
	RE/PSHE	We will have two RE days during the course of the term. The theme of both will be inspirational people. During the first unit, we will look at the Islamic religion while in the second, we will move on to Christianity's inspirational people.
	Design & Technology	This term, we will be having two D&T days. During the first half term we will be linking D&T to our topic on Anglo-Saxons by creating model villages. Please could you donate any shoeboxes that you have at home for this! During the second half term we will be making Christmas biscuits and making boxes for them to go in.