

## Message from the class teachers:

Welcome to Year 4! We are really looking forward to a fantastic year. This term we will be learning about invaders and settlers, focussing on the Anglo-Saxons. We look forward to seeing you work hard and make great progress.

**Teachers:** Mr Belton, Miss Wheldon, Miss Madeley, Mrs Mason, Mrs McFarlane

**Teaching Assistants:** Mr Dempster, Mrs Birkinshaw, Miss Stevens, Mrs Bull, Miss Ollerenshaw, Mrs Cooper

**PPA Cover:** Mrs Cooper, Mrs McFarlane, Mrs Mason

## An overview of learning this half term

**Maths:** Place value, addition, subtraction.

**English:** Setting description, narrative, Speech

**History:** Anglo-Saxons

**Science:** Sound

**Computing:** Audio Editing

**Music:** Brass

**PSHE:** Rights and Responsibilities.

**RE:** Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?

**PE:** Striking and Fielding and Athletics.

**Art:** Collage and sketching techniques, focusing on Flowers in a Vase with shells and insects by Balthasar Van Der Ast.

## General Reminders:

This term we will be introducing Year 4 expectations and working on 'The Harmony Pledge'

### PE

Cherry (Miss Wheldon/Mrs McFarlane): Wednesday and Thursday

James (Miss Madeley/Mrs Mason): Monday and Friday

Vegara (Mr Belton): Monday and Friday

Children must come into school wearing their PE kits on these days. You also need a spare pair of trainers to leave in school for the mile run. Earrings must be removed and hair must be tied back for PE.

### Homework

Homework will be set online. This will be set on a Friday and should be completed by Thursday of the following week. This will include: Spelling Shed, Reading, Sum Dog maths, Purple Mash tasks and Times Table Rockstars. We will ensure all children are confident in accessing homework tasks and all passwords will be provided via Dojo message. Check Dojo each week to find out what homework has been set.

### Reading

The children will be completing an online test over the next week in order to allocate them with the correct book for their reading level. Once your child has their book, please read with your child at home as often as possible and sign this off in their reading records. Our expectation is at least 3 times per week and children are rewarded for doing this. Books and reading diaries need to be in school every day. Reading books can be changed once the children have completed their book quiz in school on Accelerated Reader. Children need to put their book and reading diary in their book box to show they have finished their book.

### Snacks and water bottles

Children are permitted to bring in their own snack for break time, which should consist of a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks. Children need to bring in their own named water bottle from home which should only contain water.

### Nut Free School

There are children and staff in school who have a **severe** nut allergy. Not only are they allergic to nuts, they cannot tolerate having food substances with nuts in. Therefore, we are a **nut free** school. Please ensure your child does not bring any nuts or food items to school which have nuts as a listed ingredient as they will not be allowed to eat it. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Working in Harmony Award

All children will be coming home with a Working in Harmony Award booklet soon. This is an award which we can work together to achieve throughout this half term. There are allocated tasks for teachers, pupils and parents each week. Please support your child in completion of these activities and help them to earn a special certificate and badge.

### Meet the Year Group Team Event

We would like to invite you to meet the Year 4 team from 3.25pm– 4.15pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. This will be an opportunity for us to introduce ourselves to you and recap some of our rules and routines. There will also be an opportunity to have a quick chat with your child's class teacher if you wish. Meetings will be held in your child's classroom.

We are really looking forward to a busy but thrilling term. If you have any questions, please see us at the classroom door at the end of the day or contact your child's teacher via class dojo.