

Frances Olive Anderson C of E (Aided) Primary School

Welcome to Year 4

Spring Term 2 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2nd half of the Spring term. We hope you enjoyed your recent break, and that you are looking forward to the exciting activities we have planned for Year 4 between now and Easter!

We hope that by working together we can make this a happy and very productive half-term for your child, offering them interesting and challenging activities and experiences and ensuring that they make the best possible progress with their learning.

Vikings!

For the second part of the Spring Term Year 4's topic will be Vikings. The topic will cover many aspects and subject areas including: History, Geography, Science, PE, Design and Technology, Art, Music and RE.

For History children will be learning about the Vikings and their invasion of the British Isles. They will look at the impact this had on Great Britain as well as the local area.

Geography will involve taking an in-depth look at Scandinavia, in particular Norway. It will also involve map work looking at areas of the UK where Vikings settled.

In Science the focus is on animals including humans, looking at the digestive system, types of teeth, and food chains.

For PE children will be looking at outdoor games, such as lacrosse, football and netball/high five. Coaches will continue to support Year 4 this term in PE. PE sessions will be on Wednesday and Thursday. Ear rings should be removed.

Personal, Social, Health Education. Going for Goals. - E Safety awareness, keeping ourselves safe.

For RE Year 4 will continue the topic of Christian Journeys.

Maths. This half term the children we will be looking at using and applying what they learnt last term as well as looking at shape space and measures.

Some Important Reminders...

Uniforms and Coats. We would be grateful if these could be clearly named. Please also label items of PE kit. Please ensure children bring a coat to school every day, even if the weather is warm that morning. The English weather can soon change so we like to be prepared!

Reading. Your child has a guided reading session once a week with their class teacher. They also have an opportunity to read their new reading book in class each week. It is therefore vital that reading books are returned every day. A shared reading session at home is very valuable.

Homework. Spellings are sent home on a Friday and should be learned at home, ready for a spelling test on the following Friday. Each Friday children will be a times table and division challenge. Homework will be sent out on a Friday and needs to be completed and returned to school by the following Friday unless it is a longer project. Please encourage your child to complete and return homework as this is a chance for them to further develop skills which have been taught in class.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure your child is **on-time** for school every day. There is a staff member 'on duty', on the playground, from 8.45. Doors to classrooms open at 8.45. Good **attendance** is important, as it has a direct effect on learning. Children should not take time-off unless absolutely necessary. We award certificates and prizes for good attendance. We are aiming for 98%-100% - please play your part in helping us to meet this ambitious target.

We hope your children will thoroughly enjoy this exciting project and we are grateful for the support of our parents. We hope you will be able to have a go at some of our suggested activities together, there are lots of ways the whole family can get involved and have fun and learn together.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to pop in for a chat (the best time is at 3.30 pm). We will be happy to speak to you and/or make an appointment for a more lengthy discussion.

Year 4 Homework Spring 2 - Vikings - hand in date - 23.3.16

Remember homework should be your OWN work. Any information from books or the internet needs to be read carefully and put into your own words, NOT just copied (printed pictures may be stuck in). You have 4 weeks to complete this work, your work needs to reflect this, so organise your time sensibly and do a little bit each week.

History - Vikings

Please see attached sheet for homework project.