

## Dear Year 4 Parents

We welcome you all to Year 4 where we are looking forward to a busy and productive term. As the new school year gets under way, we would like to take this opportunity to supply you with some useful information to help you support your child during their first term in Year 4.

### Literacy

We will be studying stories with historical settings, poetry including acrostics and kennings, newspaper reports and information texts linked to science and history.

### Maths

A wide range of topics will be covered including: place value; mental calculation strategies, reasoning about shapes, properties of numbers, real life problems and handling data.



### Science

We will start the term by looking at moving and growing, followed by keeping warm after half term. We will be visiting the University Zoology department. 4R will be going on the morning of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September and 4M on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. If you would like to accompany the children on either of these visits please complete the slip below and return to us as soon as possible. (We will be asking for a voluntary donation of £1 per child for the museum.)

### History

Our topic for this term is Invaders and Settlers: Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in Britain. This will include a visit to West Stow, an Anglo-Saxon reconstructed village on Tuesday 20th October. The cost of the trip will be approximately £10 – more details to follow!



### PE

This term PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon and a Wednesday morning. Please ensure that your child has their complete PE kit on these days, including a change of footwear for outdoor PE as well as a warm jumper and jogging bottoms. Ms Jones will be taking both classes to their outdoor PE, which will include korfbal and football. Mrs Campbell will take both classes for their indoor PE sessions which will include flight in gymnastics and dance on the theme of invaders and settlers.



### ICT

During the autumn term the children will be developing their knowledge of a range of



of software packages as well as using the digital camera and scanner to import their work into posters and multi-media presentations.

## **RE**

Our theme for RE is Sikhism. We will study Sikh beliefs, festivals and practices.

## **Art**

We will be studying the work of Mondrian and producing pieces in a similar style. In addition to this, we will also explore Anglo-Saxon weaving and making Anglo-Saxon pots from clay.

## **Modern Foreign Languages**

In Year 4, we will be learning to speak French. We shall be using the resources of Hocus and Lotus – two dinocrocs who teach language to children. The children learn one story every half term, which will immerse them in the language and gradually build their vocabulary in the language.



## **PSHCE**

We will start with themes of new beginnings and rules before moving onto issues to do with relationships and getting on with each other.

## **Music**

Understanding the grouping of beats, percussion and tempo.



## **DT**

We will design and make pop-up greetings cards.

## **Homework**

Children will be expected to read each day at home for 10-20 minutes. This should be recorded in their homework diary. In addition, each week there will be one piece of numeracy homework and one other piece which could be literacy, science or topic based.



## **Other Visits**

In the Summer term, we will visit Paxton Pits ~ the approximate cost is £12.

Following the success of our school-based Year 4 Activity Day, which we trialed last year, we have decided to continue with this option for the delivery of our Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. The approximate cost for the day is £14.

If any parents have any special interest in any of the areas studied this term – early British history, Sikhism, anatomy, art, French – and would like to help with resources or by talking to the class, please get in touch with your child’s teacher.

If at any time you would like to make an appointment to discuss your child’s welfare and progress please feel free to ask the class teacher.

Yours sincerely.

Ms Jones,

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Cobbe

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**Please return to Mrs. Campbell or Ms Jones**

**I am available to accompany 4R to the Zoology Museum on Monday a.m. 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009**

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**APPROPRIATE**

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**Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_**