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Dear Parents,

The children are all enjoying settling into their new classes, getting to know staff, becoming familiar with routines and re-joining their class mates. We commend our children for their super behaviour, attitude to learning and good manners demonstrated during our transition period and in the first week of term.

**Staff typically in Year 4:**

Class 4LC taught by Mrs Chisholm

Class 4SW/LyC taught by Mrs Willis (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Coulter (Thursday and Friday).

Mrs Bell, Mrs Dent and Mrs Wright are all part of the Year 4 team.

We have an exciting, challenging and enjoyable Autumn Term planned.

**English:**

During the first part of the term, we will be studying stories with imaginary settings, non-chronological reports and Myths and Legends (based around the story of Beowulf). After half term, we will be writing Newspaper reports, and performing and composing poems (again based on Beowulf). Our final English topic will involve the children continuing the Saga of Erik and his Viking comrades. There will be a major emphasis on grammar, punctuation and presentation with handwriting and SPAG incorporated into lessons.

**Maths:**

Maths will follow the current framework with a focus on the four main calculation strategies, number and place value, problem solving and application of new learning. It is important that the children have rapid recall for the majority of multiplication tables and can derive the associated division facts. This will be a focus for us over the first two terms and the children will be challenged with speed tables. We would appreciate any help you could give your child with learning these at home, if you require any help with how you can approach this, please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Science:**

In Science we will be learning about living things, recognising that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways and that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. We will also be looking at describing the simple functions of the basic parts of the

digestive system in humans and identifying the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.

**ICT:**

We are following the current ICT programme 'Switched On'. In autumn term we will be producing a wiki, developing software and designing our own educational games.

**Foundation subjects:**

In History we will study the Anglo-Saxons with DT delivered through this topic. Mr Newton will be delivering the Music sessions each week to both classes and has planned cross-curricular sessions. Our Religious Education work has elements of Christianity and Paganism. We will continue to promote Social and Emotional aspects of learning with the topic being New Beginnings, Getting on and Falling Out in addition to the Anti- Bullying agenda. Circle Time will also provide opportunities to develop understanding of a wide range of issues and reflection, such as E safety and staying safe outside of school.

P.E will take place twice per week and one session will be outdoors (weather permitting). Outdoor P.E. will be Invasion Games i.e. Tag Rugby on a **Wednesday** am and indoors will be Gymnastics on a **Friday** morning. Please ensure the children have the correct kit.

**Homework:**

Homework will be set every Friday and we expect this to be completed and returned to school by the following Friday. The weekly homework will be a spelling rule or a set of spellings to learn each night. Maths homework will focus around the multiplication tables, including some word problems. We will also be sending out a Homework grid each half term in which the tasks are carefully devised to support pupils' learning; we aim to provide stimulating and enriching homework activities. Examples of high quality homework, where applicable, will be displayed in the Y4 corridor.

All children will have opportunities to read in school on a daily basis; however we would like all children to read at home.

**Trips:**

We are trying to organise two school trips in the Autumn Term. The first trip will be to our Anglo-Saxon Topic and will be confirmed shortly. This trip will support our English and Topic work. The second trip, will hopefully be to St Mary Magdalene's church as part of our R.E. Details of these will follow.

**Prime Time**

Could you please make sure the children have a healthy snack (fruit, vegetables or breadsticks) and water for Prime Time? They do enjoy this and water is important to have throughout the day. If possible, the water bottle should have a sport style lid to minimise spillage if it should accidentally be knocked over!

Finally, if you have any queries, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office, or pop in to see us in person after school. We would be grateful if we could try to keep any issues for after school, as we are as eager to start our teaching promptly in the morning.

We thank you for your continued support and are sure we will have a fabulous term.

Thanks again,

Year 4 team