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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 classmates. 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 4 PL taught by Miss Lawrance

Mrs Copley, Mrs Smith and Miss Dale are all part of the Year 4 team.

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

English:

In English, in 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 Non-chronological and 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 the main areas of learning being 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 recognising that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. We will also be 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.

Working Together for Success

ICT:

We are following the current ICT programme 'Switched On'. In the 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 Dance on a **Thursday** afternoon. Please ensure the children have the correct kit on both these days. It is important that they have a **warm outdoor kit** - leggings, jogging bottoms, tracksuit top, sweatshirt etc. Indoor kit can consist of shorts, T-shirt, trainers, or gym shoes.

Year 4 Blog

Details of our work, trips, visits and activities can be found on our School blog on Yarm Primary School website - yarmprimaryschool.net. It is updated weekly. Please feel free to respond with a comment.

Homework:

Homework will be set every Friday and we expect this to be completed and returned to school by following Thursday with an extension until Friday if necessary. The weekly homework will be a spelling rule, or a set of spellings to learn each night. Maths homework will focus around 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 classrooms.

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

Trips:

We are organising two school trips in the Autumn Term. The first trip will be linked 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 - no nuts) and water for Prime Time? If possible, the water bottle should have a sports 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 look forward to a fabulous term.

Many thanks,
Year 4 team