

## Year 4

Welcome back! We hope you have had a great Summer. The children have already begun to settle well into their classes and we are looking forward to a great term as there are lots of exciting things to look forward to!

The children have returned to a brand new Creative Curriculum topic and will be learning about the Anglo Saxons as part of our 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' theme.

We had a great start to our topic, building Anglo Saxon boats and designing and creating our own Anglo Saxon shields.

After October half term, year 4 will have the opportunity to experience elements of the 'Forest Schools' programme. They will further develop their skills and enjoy a range of activities in our specially created outdoor area.

### Equipment

If children wish, they can bring a small pencil case into school. A handwriting pen (if they have a pen licence), pencil, rubber, ruler, pencil sharpener and coloured pencils are all very useful items.

Children are also encouraged to bring in a water bottle which they can keep in class.

*Miss Hanks      Miss Marlowe*

## REMINDERS

Children will be going swimming to Longwell Green Pool every Wednesday, beginning **27th September**. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit and a coat with them.

It is important that children get into the habit of handing homework in on time. Your support with this would be much appreciated. It is sent home on Friday and is to be returned the following Thursday. Homework includes: investigating a spelling rule, learning tables, reading and an English or Maths activity to complete.

Please could you make sure that your child has a named P.E. kit in school. Children will need shorts/tracksuit trousers, a white t-shirt, red sweatshirt and trainers. If your child is not able to take part in P.E. on a particular occasion, please send a letter in with them.

If there are any parents/carers who would be willing to come in and help with hearing children read and/or by changing reading books, your help would be very much appreciated.

If you have anything else which you need to talk to us about, you can pass a message via the office, either in person or by telephone and we are normally available in classrooms after school.

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## AUTUMN TERM



## NEWSLETTER

# Helping your child

<p>English</p> 	<p>In English this term we will be investigating instructions and narrative writing through our Creative Curriculum topic. Using a traditional Anglo Saxon story stimulus, Beowulf, we will focus on narrative writing, describing both characters and settings and eventually we will be writing our own version of the story.</p> <p>We have daily spelling, punctuation and grammar lessons to ensure all children are confident when applying these skills within their writing.</p> <p>In addition, the children will continue to be encouraged to write using a cursive font.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>In Maths, the children will be further developing their understanding of shape, number, place value and multiplying &amp; dividing by 10 and 100. Children will also continue to work on their times tables facts and associated division facts. Each child will be given an individual target table to learn. Any help which you can give the children at home would be useful. Children will continue to develop skills which will enable them to solve one and two step word problems and learn to identify &amp; extend number sequences.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>In Science this term, we will be learning about states of matter. The children will investigate the difference between solids, liquids and gases and how evaporation occurs. They will have an opportunity to create moulds similar to those made by Anglo Saxons and explore the process of melting. In addition, we will be learning about electricity including how it is generated and how a circuit is made.</p>

<p>R.E.</p> 	<p>In R.E. this term, we will be learning why some people find Jesus inspiring and recognise how Jesus's actions made him inspiring. The children will also discuss who Jesus said he was and how he is still important today.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Music this year will be based on the Charanga Music School. Lessons will encourage the children to appreciate, reflect on and create their own composition in response to a piece of music.</p>
<p>Towers, Tunnels and Turrets</p> 	<p>Our Creative Curriculum topic is titled 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' and is focused on the history of Anglo Saxon Britain. We will be exploring how the Anglo Saxons travelled to England and how they made their settlements. Also, we will look at their civilisation and environment and compare it to modern day life.</p> <p>Drama, DT, Geography and Art skills will all be covered as part of this fascinating topic.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>This term's topics are 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'. Pupils will have opportunities to appreciate and celebrate the differences and similarities between themselves &amp; others and to value their individual gifts and talents. They will also learn about understanding &amp; managing their feelings.</p> <p>Additionally, the children will learn about Road safety and the importance of the Firework Code .</p>

## Days to remember

P.E. takes place on the following days:

Class 9 – PE– Monday and Thursday

Class 10– PE- Wednesday and Thursday

Thursday—homework is due in.

