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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 Spring Term Curriculum

Here is a general outline of what your child will be studying in Year 4 during the Spring term. This year each term will focus around a main theme and more work will be cross-curricular and topic based. Our Spring term topic will be: 'The Vikings'.

Outlines of topics to be covered this term

Literacy	Instructions, Narrative influenced by the Vikings, Non-Chronological report influenced by the Vikings and Narratives based on imaginary settings.
Numeracy	Addition and subtraction; shape; data handling; multiplication and division; fractions and decimals.
Science	Electricity including safety, circuit building, conductors, cables/plugs, switches and bulbs. We will also be learning about sound.
Computing	Working towards creating a class blog and teaching children the importance of e-safety. Carrying out cross curricular research into the Vikings to assist our Non-Chronological reports. We will also utilize the 'Mission Control' software to introduce the concept of programming and debugging.
Art	Making Viking Jewellery in the style of broaches and wrist bands.
Music	We will develop pitch through the study of Indian music. We will continue learning the keyboard including learning standard notation.
PSHE	Getting on and falling out as well as the dangers of drugs.
R.E.	Judaism and the links between Judaism and Christianity.
P.E.	Dance – Influenced by the Vikings
Games	Net games – Skills (Tennis & Badminton).



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- **Spellings are set Friday and tested the following Thursday.**
- **Weekly Diaries are brought home on Friday and need to be signed and returned by the following Thursday.**
- **Homework is set Friday and due in the following Thursday.**

We recommend that the learning of spellings and times tables is an ongoing process throughout the week. Children are now expected to know all tables to 12X12 by the end of Year 4. We've found it's best to look at homework the day it is given so any problems can be discussed with the teacher before it is due in. In addition we would like the children to be reading at home at least 15 minutes per day. Please can you ensure that you sign the new reading diaries when your child has been reading (preferably out loud to an adult). House points are given as a reward if children have 3 signatures in a week and this will be checked on a Thursday.

We do appreciate your support in ensuring your child has an appropriate change of clothing and footwear for P.E. and Games. We would like to remind you that jewellery will need to be removed for these lessons. We recommend that if possible children leave jewellery at home on P.E./Games days. Those children unable to remove an item of jewellery will have it taped for safety reasons.

Days for PE/Games are as follows:

Wednesday - P.E.
Thursday - Games

We always welcome help from parents so if you would like to get involved please speak to one of the team. We are keen for you to come in any time you can, whether weekly, monthly or half termly. There will also be occasions when we need parents to walk with us on local visits. Please speak to one of us if you are able to help.

We hope this letter has been both useful and informative. If there is anything you are not sure of or would like clarified further, please don't hesitate to come and see us. We're looking forward to meeting you all in the near future.

With best wishes from the Year 4 team.

Yours sincerely

Dr H. Tape & Mr. O. Mills

