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11th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Year 4!

Welcome to the Spring term. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for the Spring Term. Please find the curriculum web attached which outlines the learning objectives for our new topic. We hope that the following information will enable you to provide support and encouragement for your child.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for **Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th March**. Time slots will be available between 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online account www.scopay.com/login from Tuesday 1st March or via the school office.

English

We have a range of exciting text drivers this term e.g. 'How to Train Your Dragon' and the heritage text 'Beowulf'. These will support learning journeys about character descriptions, letter writing and newspaper reports.

Mathematics

The main topics included this term are; multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and statistics.

It is an expectation in the National Curriculum for Mathematics that by the end of Year Four all children know and can recall all times table facts up to and including 12 x 12. In June, the children are required to complete a National Assessment Times Table Check, so regular use of Doodle Tables and Times Tables Rock Stars will support their progress.

Home learning

Reading

Children are expected to read daily for at least 10 minutes and record their thoughts and feelings in response to what they have read in their Reading River Record, at least three times a week.



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DoodleSpell

For your child to make progress in line with Year Four age-related expectations, they will need to practise their spellings weekly on a programme called 'DoodleSpell'. The programme builds spelling confidence and ability as it is tailored to their individual strengths and weaknesses. This will only have the necessary impact if they use 'DoodleSpell' for a 10 minute session of meaningful practice at least three times a week. As the Year Four Team, we define meaningful practice as earning 15 stars per session.

DoodleMaths

Your child will be expected to access 'DoodleMaths,' an online Mathematics platform that is designed to challenge and inspire children on their Mathematical learning journey. Again, this should be used for at least ten minutes of meaningful practice at least three times a week. As the Year Four Team, we define meaningful practice as earning 15 stars per session.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Regular practice on this platform will support your child's understanding of the times tables requirement of the National Multiplication Check.

Termly Home Learning task

This term, our topic is 'Raiders and Settlers'. We would like the children to make an 'Anglo-Saxon' artefact, further details to follow.

Art shirts

The children will be doing lots of art this year. To protect expensive school uniform please provide your child with an old shirt that doesn't matter if it gets dirty and covers their uniform. Please name it and send it in when possible.

School Trips

In March, we intend to visit Butser Ancient Farm to link with our Anglo-Saxon topic. More details will follow nearer the dates.

PE and Games

PE will take place on Wednesdays. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on the day. PE Kit consists of house team T-shirt, black shorts, plain socks and sensible footwear. It will be acceptable in the colder weather for children to be in black or blue tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper with their PE Kit underneath.



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Snacks and Water bottles

We politely request **ALL** children have a named water bottle in school, please ensure that these are not filled with squash or fizzy drinks, as only water is permitted. These will need to return home and be washed each day. Fruit and vegetable snacks are welcome, but we request that no other type of snack is provided. Milk can be purchased through the cool milk scheme www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/school-lunches/ Alternatively you may be entitled to free milk.

Communication with Parents / Carers

Most information will come through letters and through the school website but we recognise the importance of an open avenue of communication. For any other queries, please use our class emails to get in touch and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

- skylark@ajs.hants.sch.uk
- kingfisher@ajs.hants.sch.uk
- firecrest@ajs.hants.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

Year 4 Team