



Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn
Term

Welcome Back!

I hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready to get back to some new and exciting challenges!

This year, our first topic in Year 4 is **Anglo-Saxons and Vikings!** This is perfect for Year 4 because of the history topic, **Stone Age to Romans** they covered last year.

The topic lends itself to history activities, but will also be a base for our Geography and Art and Design. Additionally, if you have any items or knowledge relevant to this topic, please let me know.

Coming back from lockdown

Currently, school has to look and be a little different from normal. Here are some of the changes we will be making.

Daily 'Time to Talk' – I understand that each of you may feel a little different about what it going on at the moment. We will use this time to talk about how we feel, know that it is okay to feel nervous or scared and understand that people may feel different to us and that's okay too.

School Handwashing and Toilet Use – Throughout the day, each class will have designated time slots to use the toilets and wash their hands. You will not be able to go during lessons as you will need to be supervised and may meet people from other bubbles.

Our NEW Daily Timetable

Time	Subject	Information
8:55	Independent Reading and Toilets	
9:10	Reading Lesson	
10:10	Maths OR Writing with Toilets (10:20)	The lesson will alternate each day.
10:30	Break time	
10:45	Maths OR Writing Continued with toilets (11:50)	
12:00	Basic Skills	e.g. handwriting, spelling or grammar
12:30	Lunch	Year 4 will have lunch in the hall.
13:00	Outside Break	
13:30	Class Assembly or Time to Talk	
13:45	Afternoon Lesson with Toilet (14:00)	The subject will vary depending on the day.

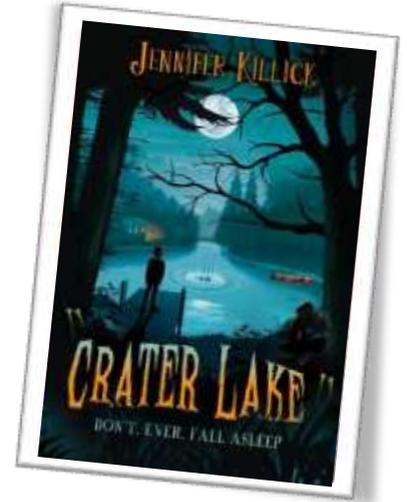
Crater Lake

I cannot wait to start reading Crater Lake with Year 4. This book was used in the Year 4/5/6 bubbles and they loved it! Written by Jennifer Killick, this hilarious sci-fi adventure story shows readers how anyone can be a leader no matter their home secrets.

Year 6 are on their first residential trip to a brand new activity centre. Very quickly, the behaviour of one of the centre's staff make the children think that this is no ordinary residential centre... Lance and his friend soon realise that the centre manager, Digger, and their Assistant Head Teacher, Miss Hoche, aren't planning the children's fun filled outdoor adventurous activity week. The friendship group need to work together to ensure they make it out as humans!

The book lends itself fantastically to both writing and reading lessons and therefore we will be using it as inspiration throughout the first half term. I also have some exciting news! In December, we have a special video call with the author, Jennifer and we will be able to ask all about her book!

In the second half-term, we will be reading a book called Riddle of the Runes: A Viking Mystery Story.



Homework

This will be phased in over this half term. That means we will slowly reintroduce you to doing the same type of homework you did in year 3.

You will get a **reading** book from the Year 4 reading corner, a **spelling** book with patterns in to investigate and learn and you will be practising your **times tables**.

Book Club books should be ready to go by week three. This is my favourite because it's another chance for Year 4 explore novels together! The children will be asked to **read a section of this book at home** so it can be discussed in Book Club lessons.

Thank you to everyone who has had a little 'book amnesty' at home and brought into school all the books they have borrowed over the last year. Just to remind you to return them if you haven't already.

PE Information

Come to school in kit!

Thursday is our PE day. You will not need to get changed into your PE kit as this will be what you wear for the whole day.

We will be outside, so make sure you wear long trousers, trainers and you bring a jacket.

Additionally, make sure your school shoes are practical for running around because we will be encouraging you to be super active during break times and lunch times.

Marvellous Me!

Don't forget mams, dads and family members to turn on your notifications for Marvellous Me. I'm sure I will be sending some 'gold stars' home for super work and attitude!