



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! I am sure you are also excited to come back to school without many of restrictions that we have had for the last couple of years! I certainly am!

Firstly, I would like to introduce you to **Mr Fry**. He will be working alongside myself in Year 4.

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 some of our writing. Our RE topic of **Northern Saints** also matches up well. Additionally, if you have any items or knowledge relevant to this topic, please let me know.

Our first trip!

Next week, we will be going on our first school trip in quite a while. We will be visiting the Danelaw Centre on **Thursday (9th)** just outside of York. It's a fantastic place for the children to immerse themselves (literally!) in the Anglo-Saxon and Viking time period! Please ensure you have read the ParentMail carefully as the children will need to come to **school early** and will need **collecting later than usual**. Don't forget to return the permission form via Parent Mail as soon as possible.

Coaching Days!

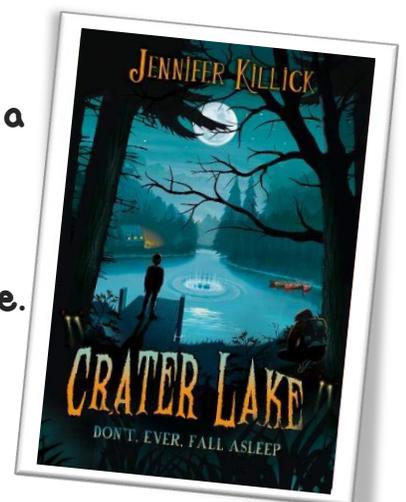
Throughout Autumn Term, we have some days where an external coach will be coming into school to teach the children unusual sports. These include Judo, Speed Cones and Quiddich! Just something a bit different for everyone to look forward to. More information about the days will be sent via ParentMail closer to the time.

Crater Lake

I cannot wait to start reading Crater Lake with Year 4. This book was a class novel last year and they loved it! Written by Jennifer Killick, this hilarious si-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 makes the children think that this is no ordinary residential centre...

The book lends itself fantastically to both writing and reading lessons therefore we will be using it as inspiration throughout the half term.



PE Days

Year 4 will be doing PE on **Thursdays**. Please ensure children come to school in PE kit on this day. To start, we will be doing athletics! This will be outdoor so PE kit should consist on trousers, t-shirt and a sweatshirt/hoodie. Trainers should also be worn on **Thursdays**.

Water bottles

Please ensure children come with a full water bottle each day. I will encourage children to take them home each night to try to prevent winter colds and flu. I do have some spare plastic cups but these are limited and cannot be reused.

Weekly Timetable

Time	Subject	Information
8:40-8:55am	Flexible entry to school	Children will come into school via the main entrance. In the classroom, they will use their iPad to log on to TTRockStars or Spelling Shed or read their book.
8:55-9:00am	Registration	
9:00-9:50am	Reading	These lessons will be based around our novel, different non-fiction books, picture books, poetry and sometimes song lyrics!
9:50-10:40am	Maths	
10:40-10:55am	Assembly	
10:55-11:10am	Playtime	
11:10-11:40am	Basic Skills OR Reading	These lessons could be Book Club one day, learning about punctuation the next and the day after, a Love Reading session!
11:40am-12:30pm	Writing	
12:30-1:00pm	Playtime!	
1:00-1:30pm	Lunch	
1:30-3:30pm	Afternoon Subject	Depending on the day, this will be either History, Geography, Computing, Spanish, PE, Music, RE, PSHCE or Science. On set weeks, we will focus on Art and Design or Design and Technology.
3:30pm	Leave School	Please pick up Year 4 children via the Main Entrance to school OR fill in the ParentMail to allow your child permission to go home alone.