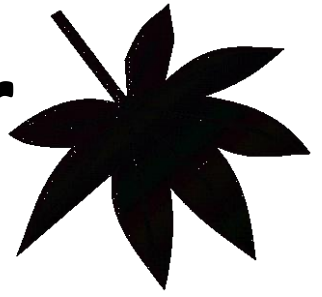


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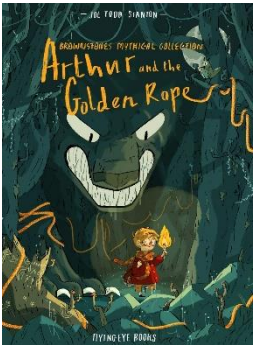


Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you have all had an enjoyable time over the summer break. I have an exciting term planned for your child and hope they will enjoy learning through the varied experiences we are going to have.

Year 4's topics and themes

This term's main history topic will be based upon the Invaders and Settlers of Great Britain, the Anglo Saxons. We will focus on where the Saxons originated from and whether it was a good time for the British people or not. Our maths work will be split into four blocks: place value, addition and subtraction, area and multiplication and division. We will have two science topics this term, the first being animals including humans. We will be investigating the way our body works and how to keep it healthy and how it is similar to animal bodies. Our second topic will be states of matter where we will be investigating the different states, their properties and how to turn one into the other.



Throughout the term, we will be concentrating on improving our standards of presentation, spelling and the use of language. The children will also be encouraged to read a wide range of texts both to improve their reading fluency and also for pleasure! Our first text of the year will be "Arthur and the Golden Rope" by Joe Stanton, a beautifully illustrated book.

I would be grateful if you would continue reading with your child for enjoyment and to ensure they are reading with understanding and fluency.

Practical Information

The KS2 door will be opened at 8.50am, for morning activity, the children will need to be in school by 9.00am when the registers will be taken. The children will be collected from the KS2 door at 3.20pm.

I feel that it is important for children to drink water throughout the day. Therefore, children may bring in bottles of water each day so long as the bottle has a secure lid. These should be taken home each night to be washed and refilled. In Year 4, we keep our water bottles at the side of the room. Please try and name your child's bottle so that it is easily identifiable.

Please also try and make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Any lost property can then be easily identified.

The welly stores will be available so that children can access the field, even in wetter weather. Please send in either a pair of wellies or an old pair of shoes for your child to wear. This footwear will need to be labelled with both forename and surname to ensure they are identifiable.

PE

PE lessons are on Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has all of their PE kit labelled with their name.

Children should not wear any jewellery during these lessons and all earrings must be either taken out or covered with micro-pore tape. It is also very helpful for bobbles to be brought in to tie back long hair. These can be left in drawers permanently or can be brought in ready for the session.

Homework

- Guided reading homework will be sent home on a Friday and will be returned the following Friday. If not completed, it will be completed Friday break time.
- Spellings will be sent home at the start of the term and will be tested on each Monday. We will do a daily spelling activity to practice throughout the week.
- Maths homework will be set on a Friday and will be required to be completed by the following Friday. If more than 2 weeks are missed, it will be completed at Friday break time.

If your child experiences any problems with their homework, they can always come and speak to me!

My door is always open after school; please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

We look forward to a fabulous year working with you and your child!

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hilditch