



## Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Mrs Edwards (previously Miss Steele) and I am the Year 4 teacher here at Excalibur. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and that you share my excitement for the new school year. The autumn term is set to be a fantastic one and I can't wait to work with your wonderful children.

### What we will be learning in Year 4

This term's **history** topic is the Anglo Saxons. We will focus on why the Saxons settled in Britain before considering how dark the Dark Ages really were. This key learning will support us in understanding our guiding text in **English**, Arthur and the Golden Rope. In **geography**, we will focus our learning around rivers, including their key features and the locations of the world's major rivers. In **maths**, we will develop Year 3 learning in the following areas: place value, addition and subtraction, area and multiplication and division (with a focus on times tables). In **science**, we will explore states of matter and animals including humans. This term will involve lots of hands-on investigations.

This year, we are focusing on fluency in **reading**. We will continue to use Accelerated Reader and have whole class reading lessons, as well as additional opportunities to share quality texts as a class. Please ensure that your child has their Accelerated Reader book in school, ideally every day, but certainly every Monday and Friday.

As ever, please read with your child as often as possible at home. It can develop lifelong positive attitudes towards reading as well as building their fluency.

### Practical Information

The KS2 doors will be opened at 8.50am. It is beneficial to arrive as close to this time as possible as there will be a supportive morning activity

available in the classroom. All children need to be in school by 9.00am. The children are to be collected from the KS2 playground at 3.20pm.

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle. These should be taken home and refilled for the next day. Please also make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled. Any lost property can then be easily identified.

Please send in a pair of wellies or an old pair of shoes for your child to wear on the field in wet weather. These will be kept in the welly stores. Again, please label these with your child's first name and surname.

PE lessons will be on Mondays and Thursdays. On these days, please ensure that your child brings in their full PE kit, all named. For safety reasons, children must not wear any jewellery during these lessons and all earrings must be taken out or covered with micro-pore tape. It is preferable that children come into school without their earrings on these days. All long hair must be tied back.

### **Homework**

- In preparation for the national Multiplication Tables Check, please encourage your child to go on Times Tables Rockstars as often as possible. A short burst daily is the most beneficial.
- Guided reading homework will be sent home on a Tuesday, to be returned by the following Tuesday.
- Weekly spelling words/rules are sent home at the start of the half-term in preparation for weekly spelling tests on Fridays.
- Maths homework will be set on Mathletics on a Friday and should be completed by the following Friday.
- Please aim to listen to your child read daily.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year working with your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on Seesaw, through the email address ([contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk)) or at pick-up. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Mrs. Edwards