



## **Class 4 Spring Newsletter – Mr Hathaway and Mr Holland**

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope that you've had a lovely, restful and peaceful Christmas break. This is just a quick newsletter to provide you with some necessary information to help you get back into the swing of things.

### **Staffing**

Mr Hathaway is the class teacher every day. Mr Holland is the teaching assistant on Monday to Thursday and Mrs Hulley is the teaching assistant on Friday.

### **Topic**

This half term's topic is Anglo Saxons and Vikings. The topic web outlines the different areas we will be studying linked to this theme.

### **PE**

PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Your child will need to be in full PE kit on Thursdays, with hair tied up and earrings removed or else covered with plasters brought in from home.

Your child will need a full swimming kit on Wednesdays please.

### **Spelling Homework**

All children will receive weekly spellings. Mr Hathaway will deliver spelling lessons three times a week which will teach each spelling group the pattern and words for the coming

week. The children will be given opportunity to practise these during guided reading sessions through handwriting activities. Children will be tested on their spelling list on the following Monday. Spelling lists can be found on our class page of the school website.

### **Maths Homework**

This will be set using our new Homework Journals which align with what is being taught in school. We will tell the children which sections to complete on a Tuesday and ask for these to be brought in so we can check them on the following Monday.

### **Reading Homework**

All children are expected to read for 20 minutes as often as possible as part of their homework. We use the expression 'Strive for 5', which means we hope that all children will strive to read at least 5 times over a week. Please ensure your child has a reading book in school each day. Also, please encourage and support your child with filling in their reading records so we are able to keep track of their reading and make recommendations where appropriate.

A few reminders... Children are not to bring any toys into school unless requested to. The children get very thirsty throughout the day so need to have a water bottle which they can access at all times.