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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and welcome to Class 4! I hope you and the children had an enjoyable break and are ready for the year ahead. The class are settling in really well and have got used to being back in a routine. Our quest topic this term is 'Invaders' as we are covering Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in History. More details of our curriculum can be found in the quest overview.

## Reading

Regular reading at home and at school makes such a difference to the educational outcomes of children and we encourage all families to listen to their children read as often as possible. The expectation within the school is to read at home at least four times a week, please sign the reading records each time you hear your child read. There are some great prompts in the reading records to use as a guide for talking to your child about what they have read. We will be collecting the reading records in every week on a Monday for monitoring. Books will be changed whenever needed and reading records alongside books can be put into the green box at any time throughout the week and the books will be changed. Reading record folders need to be in school every day please. We have a library in the classroom which includes fiction, poetry, non-fiction and news magazines which the children are encouraged to access during quiet reading sessions in class. If you have an interest in volunteering your time to listen to readers in class 4 I would love to hear from you so that we can arrange a time and sort out the necessary checks.

## Homework

In addition to reading the children will bring home their spellings weekly. New spellings will be issued on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. The homework sheet needs to be returned to school on Friday with the sentences completed. Weekly maths homework is also set, this will usually be on mymaths but there will be times when a sheet will be given instead. Maths homework will always cover an area of learning that has already been taught and should take no more than 20 minutes (often less). Please do send an email if it is regularly taking longer so that we are aware. For all homework, house points are issued for completing on time and for writing sentences that make sense and are correctly punctuated in spelling. Please support and encourage your child to complete their homework. If there are exceptional circumstances that make it difficult for your child to complete their homework please send a message via the class 4 email address.

## P.E.

This half term our PE sessions will be on a Wednesday and Friday. After half term our Wednesday session will be replaced with swimming at Wellington Sports Centre on a Monday afternoon. It would be helpful if PE kits could be in school every day. If your child has their ears pierced these need to be removed for the PE session.

## Coats and water bottles

We take the children out to play as often as we can, even in light rainy weather and cold weather, so it is important for the children to have a coat in school every day. As winter approaches we would recommend a hat and gloves too. We encourage children to drink plenty of water during the day so can they bring in their own named water bottle to drink from.



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Please endeavour to name everything that comes into school as it makes rehoming lost items much easier and avoids conflict in the event of uncertainty!

The children are able to bring in their own pencil cases in Class 4. If they choose to, it needs to be small enough to fit into their tray. Particularly special items ought to be left at home. Everything that your child needs to access the curriculum is here in schools so there is no obligation to provide anything yourself.

Finally, we are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any questions or worries please do get in touch. This can be done via the class 4 email or in person; Monday and Thursdays are good days for an impromptu chat after school. Mrs Laphorn teaches Monday-Thursday and until Mrs Atterton is able to return Mrs Brierley will be teaching on Friday.

Best wishes

Lydia Laphorn



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