

# Welcome to Year 4!

Hello,

I hope you have enjoyed the summer. It has been wonderful to meet all of Year 4, including our two new starters, Elsie and Nathan. I (Mr Dodd) am also new to school, and I will be your child's class teacher. Mrs Carter is the Teaching Assistant in our class.

## Areas of learning

Our first topic of the year will be all about Invaders & Settlers of Britain, focussing on the Anglo-Saxons. In Science, we will be learning all about sound. Within this area of Science, we will be exploring how sound is made as well as learning about pitch and volume of sound.

## Spelling

Each week the children will be learning a list of words, which will be able to view on Google Classroom. They will usually have a rule that links the words together. Spellings will be set on a Friday and the children will be tested in school on a Thursday.

## Reading

We ask that children read daily (around 20 minutes) and ask you to make a note of this in your child's reading record. We aim to change the children's reading scheme books on Mondays and Thursdays; however, if you do finish your book early, there are ideas of additional activities in the back of your child's book. These tasks can be completed to develop a greater understanding and improve your child's comprehension skills.

## Other Homework

Our focus for the children is to read at home and to talk to you about what they have learnt in school. We will also provide suggestions of other activities you may do at home which we feel would support your child's learning. This may include games or activities to develop or consolidate key Maths facts (such as times tables), or other activities linked to particular areas of learning (such as our topic). As with the spellings, these will be posted to Google Classrooms on Fridays. You can also help your child to learn the times tables up to 12 x 12 off by heart by the end of Year 4! Each child will be given a Times Table Rockstars login where they can access times table games at home too.

## P.E.

During this term, our P.E days will be Mondays and Thursdays; however, please ensure that your child's kit is in school from Monday to Friday, so that we can be flexible depending on the weather. Please make sure that your child has suitable clothing and trainers so that we can be outdoors or indoors.

We always love to see any additional work that your children do at home. Feel free to email any work in, so that we can share it with the class. If you do have any queries, please do send us an email.

Many thanks,  
Mr Dodd