



What's happening in Year 4?

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. The Autumn term was a very busy one, full of learning, laughter and celebration. The children loved learning about tropical rainforests during the first half term and the second half term was all about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings who invaded and raided the British Isles! All of our children and their families should be proud of the progress and hard work we have witnessed over the past few months. If you have any questions relating to your child's progress at school, please come and speak to any member of the Year 4 team who will be happy to discuss this with you! Thank you for your continuing support and encouragement.

Curriculum

Natural Disasters!

This half term our theme in Year 4 is "What causes natural disasters?" The children will be learning about the earth's structure, including how tectonic plates move around on the mantle, causing earthquakes. We will also be learning what happens when the molten rock beneath the earth's crust is let loose! In the final weeks of term, the children will be creating and their very own volcanoes and watching them erupt!



If you have a spare 5 minutes, it would be beneficial for;

- ✓ **Your child to read to you.** Children should be reading up to 4 times a week at home.
- ✓ **Practice their spellings.** Spelling tests will be every week
- ✓ **Encourage your child to keep a diary.** This is a fantastic way for your child to practice writing every day.
- ✓ **Practice times tables.** Children should be able to quickly fire their times tables and begin to know some division facts,
- ✓ **Ask your children what they have done today at school.** This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to share their experiences with you as well as practicing their communication skills.

The school day

School starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:00pm. Please make sure your child is at school on time to maximize their learning opportunities.

Swimming

Your child will continue to take part in a swimming lesson each week as part of their PE curriculum. It is important that your child attends each session to ensure they reach their full swimming potential.

Swimming lessons will continue until February half term, after which we will be starting PE lessons in school. Your child will need a PE consisting of:

- A white T-shirt
- Black Leggings/jogging bottoms
- Trainers



Important Dates

School closes for the half-term holiday

Friday 9th February

Back to school

Monday 19th February

Close for Easter

Friday 29th March

Back to school

Tuesday 16th April