

Year 4 Autumn Term

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to you all. We hope you had a wonderful summer. Please do take the opportunity to email us if you wish. Below is an overview of the forthcoming term. We hope that you find it useful.

Best wishes,

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Topics: This term we will have one main topic:

Autumn 1 and 2: Anglo-Saxons

Our key question will be:



Where did British diversity start?

English: We will be linking our topics to our core texts this term and we will be covering a wide range of genres including:

- Autobiographies
- Narratives
- Poetry
- Explanation texts
- Non-chronological reports
- Diary entries
- Instructional writing

Maths: In Maths, we will be covering all four number operations through and across all units. During Autumn 1, we will focus on number and place value as well as addition and subtraction. In Autumn 2, we will be focussing on length and perimeter and multiplication and division.

Science: Our science topics are linked with our topics for the half term. Our first Science topic is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will then be moving on to look at 'Animals, including Humans' in Autumn 2.

Music: Our music focus for the first half term will relate to composing and performing music from different places around the world. Some of our music work will link to our topic and the wider environment.



PE: Our PE sessions this term will focus on *Net and Wall Games* for Autumn 1, and *Balancing for*

Autumn 2. Please ensure your child is wearing correct **full PE kit** on their PE days. Spruce are on a Wednesday and Fir are on a Thursday.

Art/DT: To link with our topics, we will be creating and adding to sketch books throughout the year, and experimenting with watercolour. We will also be making and preparing meals to link to our Anglo-Saxon topic, using the Design, Make and Evaluate sequence for Design Technology.

RE: In the Autumn term, we will be learning about what Christians believe is right and wrong and how their holy scriptures affect their behaviour. Later in the Autumn term, we will also be learning about the Jewish and Hindu religions.

Computing: We will be learning how to use search engines effectively and create a Wikipedia page based on a topic and add content.

PHSE: In Autumn 1, our PSHE topics are Rights, Rules and Responsibilities and Family and Friends. In these topics, we will be learning how to manage change, and strategies for managing friendships.

French: We will be elaborating on the French that we already know and learning how to communicate in sentences with each other. We will also be learning new phrases relating to food, likes and dislikes and learning how to read and write some of these phrases in French.

Home expectations: With regard to reading, children need to be changing their books at school once a week. Two pieces of homework will also be given on a Friday: one maths activity and one English activity to be returned by Tuesday, this will be on MyMaths, Bug Club, TT Rockstars and Purple Mash.

