

Dates for the Diary

- ⇒ Bank holiday: 1st May
- ⇒ Art Week: 22nd - 26th May
- ⇒ **Deadline for Grendon payments: Friday 26th May**
- ⇒ Half-term: 29th May - 2nd June
- ⇒ INSET Day - Monday 5th June
- ⇒ Grendon visit - 21st—23rd June
- ⇒ Year 4 Grendon assembly: Friday 30th June
- ⇒ PTA Summer fete - 10th June
- ⇒ KS2 Sports Day - 4th July
- ⇒ Last day of term - Friday 21st July (1.30pm Finish)

Equipment

- ⇒ Indoor shoes (Not necessarily plimsolls, but they must be safe and secure as they are used for indoor P.E.)
- ⇒ Labelled, clear, water bottles.
- ⇒ P.E. clothes for indoor and outdoor activities and outdoor trainers. These should be a complete change from their school uniform. (To be kept in school all week please)
- ⇒ Swimming kit (Term 5).
- ⇒ Apron or old shirt for use in art.

Additional Info.

- ⇒ Please note that jewellery must not be worn in school (small studs and watches are the exception, except during swimming and P.E.).
- ⇒ Please ensure your child has a sun hat and/or sun cream on sunny days.
- ⇒ **HOMEWORK:** In accordance with our homework policy, Year 4 pupils will be set the following on a weekly basis:-
 - Spellings - (To practise spellings within sentences. Test on a Tuesday and new lists every Thursday)
 - Literacy - follow up work (weekly every Thursday)
 - Maths – extra practice (weekly every Thursday) Also to continue with times tables practice. This may be Mathletics, which needs access to a computer. **Please let the maths teacher know if you are unable to access the internet at home.**
 - Reading (15 minutes every night) and for children to record their thoughts and give book reviews in their reading diary.
 - We also encourage children to practise their handwriting at home.
 - Any extra work/research on current topics is encouraged and rewarded.



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Summer Term 2017

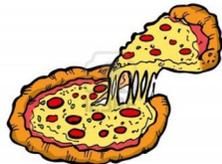
Year 4

Welcome to the Summer Term

The topic this term is *Anglo-Saxons and The Vikings*. Children will be learning where the invasions came from, why they came and discover the reasons for us knowing this information.

During our Science lessons, we will be looking at 'All living things' and we are learning about 'Animals including Humans' We will be looking at what it means to be living and being able to classify organisms. We will also look at different types of habitats and how animals adapt to live in them.

In D&T, we will be learning sewing skills while making money containers and we will be designing a menu in food technology.



In PE, we will be working hard on our swimming and tennis skills, before moving onto the skills involved in athletics and striking and fielding.

We also have Art Week to look forward to, where we will be working on a whole school project as part of The National Gallery competition.

Literacy

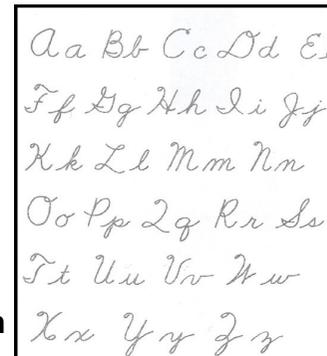
This term we will be looking at a range of texts including: legends (which will be linking to our topic work), persuasive texts and discussion texts. These texts will be a catalyst for improving vocabulary, grammar and punctuation.

We are keen that children enjoy their reading and choose stimulating and challenging books. Please continue to encourage your child to read frequently and note down their thoughts in their reading diary.



Weekly literacy homework will continue (after our European project) and children are encouraged to complete it in their neatest handwriting.

Any extra writing at home would be extremely beneficial. It would be good if your child could practise explaining their choices/views in words and proofreading their work.



Maths

A range of topics will be covered this term, including written strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. All methods will be demonstrated to the children during lessons. Please encourage your children to use these methods for homework tasks. The children should continue practising their 2x to 10x tables (2x, 5x, & 10x tables first).

Children are asked to tackle their homework independently at first, but may also seek help from an adult if necessary.

If your child is unable to grasp the concepts involved, or you feel they are spending excessive time on the task, please send in a brief note. The children can then seek extra help from their teacher on Monday. Children are encouraged to complete homework in PENCIL as neatly as possible.

