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To parents of Year 4 children

Welcome to year 4 and three weeks in the children are well established in their learning routines and have made a positive start.

In English, we have been building on the year 3 learning through sharing the text 'The Twits.' We feel it is really important that the children have a deep understanding of sentences and show neat, fluent, joined handwriting. In addition, we have used the year 2 common exception words to test the children's spelling. Please expect your child to bring home some spelling homework on a Monday to be tested on a Friday. Initially this will be in response to this first test. Your child also has a reading record book. Please can you support them in ensuring they record their home reading at least three times per week?

In maths, the children are focussing on place value as they develop their understanding of thousands and then negative numbers. We will then move on to addition and subtraction of 4 digit numbers. Each week, the children will also have a focus on their times tables and we would encourage you to continue to help them with these at home. The children should have their own log in for the website Sumdog.

Our main topic focus for the half term is the Anglo-Saxons, and up to half term we will be teaching the relevant English skills through this history topic. In Science, we will be learning about the digestive system and then moving on to solids, liquids and gases (not connected). Also within the curriculum, R.E. covers creation stories and we will be regularly dipping our toe into French and Music. At the heart of all our learning is the intention to help the children develop their thinking skills and as a result their talk and their ability to communicate.

Within school we have a new system for rewarding children using a gem stone booklet. Please ask your child about this and encourage them to share their learning with you.

We look forward to an engaging and rewarding year which hopefully will motivate and inspire the children in their learning. If there is anything further you wish to know, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office. In addition, we are always on hand as the children are dismissed at the end of the day, so please make yourself known to us if you haven't already done so.

Regards

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The Year 4 team