

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We have an exciting and busy term ahead with lots of interesting topics – the topic web for this term can be found on the website. The 'Adventures of Class 4' are regularly posted on the school Facebook page and website so make sure you keep an eye out to see what's been going on.

Invincible Invaders is our main theme this term focussing on the Vikings. Towards the end of January, the children will have the opportunity to construct their own longship, 12m in length, and learn about how the Vikings journeyed from Norway to Iceland to Greenland and their epic trip to North America via the arctic circle. They will also be exploring Viking art and sculpting plaques and jewellery from clay during their art sessions.



Homework will continue to be set on a Tuesday or Wednesday (depending on the other activities planned each week) and needs to be completed and returned to school on Monday morning as Year 5s and 6s will have weekly spellings which will be tested on a Monday morning. Year 5s will also have an online MyMaths task and Year 6s will have a variety of questions in preparation for SATs. For those children who do not get the opportunity to complete the homework or if they would like some extra support, I run a homework club on a Monday lunchtime.



Accelerated Reading will continue as usual – the target that the class are currently trying to beat is to read one million words in under 22 days so please encourage your child read regularly at home.

PE is on Wednesdays and Thursdays but it is vital that all children have a full PE kit with them everyday as occasionally we have to make changes to PE sessions and we have very little spare kit in school. Just a reminder – the kit includes a white t-shirt, navy shorts or joggers, and a pair of outdoor trainers with spare socks (especially for tights wearers and if we venture onto the field). To keep warm during the winter months, a navy sweatshirt or jumper and lightweight waterproof would be handy too and we always try and get outside whatever the weather.

We will also be continuing with our Wild Woodland Learning sessions in the second half of the term when outdoor clothing will be required – children will be given notice of these days and emails will be sent home. Again, it is vital that children come equipped for a cold or wet weather experience and wellies, gloves, warm coats etc. are imperative.



The teaching team in Class 4 remains the same with Mrs Smart and Mr Tanner teaching PE on a Wednesday and Thursday respectively and Mrs Ryder continuing to teach FAB and art on a Friday afternoon. Mrs Redmayne and Mrs Drew will also be supporting the class on a daily basis.

We hope everyone enjoys the beginning of the new term and would like to thank you for your continued support. If there is anything you wish to discuss as the weeks progress, please do not hesitate to pop in and see me or drop me an email.