

EYNSHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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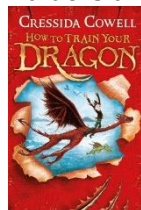
Welcome to Year 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families have enjoyed the summer break. The new school year has got off to a great start and we have all been really impressed with how ready, respectful and responsible the children are being in our classes.

What your child's year group will be learning this term:

Raiders and Invaders



In this history-led topic, the children will learn about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The book 'How To Train Your Dragon' will form the basis of much of the children's learning in English.

Please note: We are planning to show the film 'How to Train Your Dragon'.

This film is rated PG, therefore if you would not like your child to watch this film, please let one of us know.

Please see the attached overview for more details about your child's learning in terms 1 and 2 (up until Christmas).

Ways you can support your child's learning at home:

Reading - Please find time to share a book with your child at least 3 times a week. When your child reads at home, they can record this in their new Reading Record. When they record three reads within a week, (either at home or within school), they will receive a house point. Reading Records will be checked on a weekly basis and a class total of reads calculated so we ask if reading records and reading books are brought in every day. These scores will then go into a whole school competition where the class with the most reads will receive a certificate. Three certificates will result in a class reward! Children are welcome to borrow books from the class collection to enjoy at home.

Maths – Children will be expected to practise their times tables using Times Table Rockstars. Your child will have been given a copy of their log-in which can be found attached to their Reading Record. Using Times Table Rockstars will significantly help and support your child to improve their speed and recall of times table facts. Children will be tested on these in a national Multiplication Check next summer.

Spelling – The children will be set a short list of spelling words to learn each week, along with a short task to complete linked to these words. Spelling homework and activities will be set on Spelling Shed <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>. The children will explore this website, in class, and be given a log-in to use at home (again, attached to their Reading Record).



Forthcoming Trips and Visits:

- **Wednesday 8th – Thursday 9th October** - Residential trip to Hill End Camp to experience what life was like in Anglo-Saxon times.
- **Friday 21st November**– Year 4 Viking theme day - This will include dressing up so you may want to think about Viking costumes now!

Uniform:

Children should wear plain white or navy-blue polo shirts, grey skirts, trousers, shorts or pinafore dresses, and navy-blue sweatshirts or cardigans. Socks should be black, grey or white and tights should be navy blue or grey. Footwear should be smart black shoes. Please make sure that all items are named. No make-up, nail varnish or jewellery should be worn except for simple stud earrings, and long hair should be tied back please.

PE kits:

All children will need a NAMED sports kit suitable for outdoor PE this term. This may get muddy and will need to keep them suitably warm; it must include a pair of trainers to change into. Our PE slots are on Monday and Friday. PE kit should come to school with your child on Monday ready for the week ahead and should be taken home to be washed at the weekend. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery during PE lessons. Children with long hair must have it tied back.

Water bottles and snacks:

Children can have a named water bottle in school. This needs to be taken home every day to be washed out and refilled. We also recommend sending in a piece of fruit or a breakfast bar for break times; children get very hungry by lunch time if they have nothing to eat mid-morning.

Important dates for your diary:

- **Monday 8th September** Year 4 Class Information and Meet the Teacher Session (2:30)
- **Thursday 18th September** - Hill End Parents' Information Meeting (3:20)
- **Thursday 2nd October**-Individual portraits, siblings, group session photos.
- **Wednesday 8th – Thursday 9th October** - Residential trip to Hill End Camp to experience what life was like in Anglo-Saxon and Viking times.
- **Friday 10th October**- World Mental Health Day
- **Friday 17th October** – Black History Heroes Day
- **Friday 24th October** - Last day of half term
- **Monday 3rd November** - INSET Day 2
- **Tuesday 4th November** - Term 1 (2nd half) commences
- **Wednesday 21st November** - Year 4 Viking theme day
- **Monday 10th November** - Anti-Bullying week - Odd Socks Day
- **Tuesday 11th November**- Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm
- **Wednesday 12th November**- Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm
- **Monday 17th- Friday 21st November**- Road-Safety week
- **Wednesday 26th November**- KS1 & KS2 Parents Stay and Learn Afternoon 1:30pm (Spelling)
- **Friday 28th November** - Christmas Fair
- **Friday 19th December** - End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come in and let us know. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

Have a great term!

Miss Paterson and Miss Warrington

