



Bishop William Ward C of E (VA) Primary School

Happy, respectful, life-long learners

Headteacher: Mr Toby Bull

10th September 2018

Dear Parents,

This year Mrs Sanderson will teach on Monday and Tuesday, and Mrs Hale will teach on Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be alternated between us. Mrs Cozens will teach Wednesday afternoons covering our PPA time. We also welcome Miss Young, a student teacher, who will be working alongside us this year.

This term our main topic will be 'The Dark Ages-Really?' focusing on an enquiry into the times of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. After half term, we will be having a Saxon/Viking experience dress up day. For anybody interested there are a couple of child friendly sites in Suffolk that you may wish to visit to support our learning: The Anglo Saxon village in West Stow and Sutton Hoo National Trust Site.

A great experience for the children in Year 4 is to have the opportunity to have a one night residential trip. This year we will be staying at Flatford Mill on 27th – 28th February. We are confident that the children will have a fantastic experience. There will be a letter shortly and we will be organising a meeting with you to give you more details about the event.

In Year 4, the children will be given two homework activities of approximately 20 minutes. A Maths or English/Topic task will be set by Mrs Sanderson on a Tuesday which is due in the following Monday. Spelling words or a grammar activity will be set by Mrs Hale on a Friday, due back the following Thursday. Y4 are expected to do ten minutes reading each day. We would encourage that three of these times are reading to an adult, as even though they are generally fluent and independent readers, the dialogue and deeper thinking that comes from sharing with an adult is still very important to help them move on. Dojos will be issued to children who have read to an adult three times in a week as a reward for their effort.

This term our PE sessions will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school every day, including trainers, as the session may change, subject to the weather. We would like to reiterate the school's policy that earrings should not be worn for PE and therefore please ensure that your child either does not wear earrings on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or is able to remove them themselves.

Volunteers are always welcome in our classroom and if you are interested becoming more involved with the class, please feel free to contact us to discuss this further.

Dates for your diary: (more details to follow)

30th October – Saxon/Viking experience day (in school)

27th – 28th February – Year 4 residential to Flatford Mill

We look forward to meeting with you at the parent/teacher meeting later this term, but if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact and/or book an appointment to meet with either of us.

We are looking forward to working alongside you this year.

Yours faithfully,

Susan Sanderson and Emily Hale

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