



Bishop William Ward C of E (VA) Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr Toby Bull
14th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see the children back in school – they have made a great start to Year 4 and we are looking forward to the year ahead.

In Y4, 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 on Wednesday afternoons. Our TAs will be Mrs Wheatstone, Mrs Lait, Mrs Lowden and Mrs Jacobs.

Just a reminder regarding school uniform that, as well as wearing the school colours, children should only wear smart black shoes, hair should be tied back, small stud earrings only and no nail polish.

Details of the year's curriculum can be found on the school website: www.bishopwilliamward.net under the heading Curriculum. This term our main topic will be 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 on 9th November. For anybody interested there are a couple of child friendly sites in Suffolk that you may wish to visit to support your child's learning: The Anglo Saxon village in West Stow <https://www.weststow.org/> and Sutton Hoo National Trust Site <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-hoo/features/visiting-sutton-hoo>; both have reopened.

A great experience for the children in Year 4 is to have the opportunity to have a one night residential trip. As long as the government guidelines allow, we will be staying at Flatford Mill on 2nd – 3rd February. We are confident that the children will have a fantastic experience. You should have received an email last week with information about the trip and a letter regarding permission and cost will come out this week.

We are hoping that swimming lessons will go ahead in the spring term. There are some extra restrictions in place, so we will need some information from you regarding your child's ability before we can confirm the details. Look out for another letter this week.

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

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may change. All PE will be outdoors this term. 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. Long hair needs to be tied back.

Along with all Year 4 children nationally, the Y4 class will have a formal times table test in June. They are expected to know all twelve times tables by this point. Your help at home will be invaluable in your child achieving a good result. Times Table Rockstars and Purple Mash logins will be stuck inside their reading diaries. Practising their times tables using these will greatly help them achieve the Y4 expectations. Learning times tables is so important for children's confidence and ability in Maths.

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. One Dojo point will be issued to children who have read to an adult three times in a week and two points for those that read to an adult five times as a reward for their effort.

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

We are looking forward to working alongside you this year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Hale

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