



4 January 2022

YEAR 4 SPRING 1 NEWS 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have had a happy and restful Christmas and New Year.

In the last week of the Autumn term, we attended our trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village. It was a fantastic day which included lots of exciting exploration of Anglo-Saxon houses, as well as visiting the Anglo-Saxon Museum and having the opportunity to handle artefacts. We would like to express a huge well done to all the children who attended the trip and a big thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to join us.



Please see below for some key information for the coming half term.

Theme for Spring Term

Throughout the Spring Term, Year 4 will be exploring world history, focussing on the Benin Kingdom. We will explore the Benin Kingdom across the curriculum, including within English, Humanities, Music and Art. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned throughout this term, including visits from an external Music Teacher, who will be working with us each week to create a Benin themed music piece.

Diary dates – Spring 1

- 06.01.22 – Flu vaccinations
- 06.01.22 – Dr Bike in school
- 17.01.22 – Height and Weight Measures
- 04.02.22 – NSPCC Number Day (more information to follow)
- 07.02.22 – Parents evening
- 08.02.22 – Safer Internet Day (more information to follow)
- 09.02.22 – Parents evening
- w/c 14.02.22 – Half term week

PE days

Children should continue to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Our PE days are remaining the same this half term – **Hazel class: Tuesdays and Fridays. Cedar class: Wednesdays and Fridays.** Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform i.e. **black bottoms, green Wixams Tree t-shirt, red jumper, trainers/pumps.** Long hair must be tied back on PE days and earrings must be removed or covered with tape. Children taking part in after school PE clubs should bring their kits to school with them on these days to change into.

Naming of personal belongings

Please ensure that all green and red jumpers, ties and coats are clearly labelled with first name + surname initial as a minimum. Please also ensure that water bottles and lunchboxes are named in a place which is clearly visible. Clear labelling makes it so much easier and quicker to return mislaid items to their owner.

School start times

A polite reminder that Gate 1 opens at 08:30 and, whilst we appreciate there is a queue to come through the gate, children should be coming into their classroom as close to 08:30 as possible. Registers close at 08:40 and lessons begin. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Cold weather

As we enter another term faced with the challenges of Covid, ventilation remains one of the key measures to reduce the risk of transmission. Although the weather has been relatively mild so far, as the weather turns colder, windows and doors will still be open to provide ventilation. Please ensure that your child has a jumper with them every day and, if they feel the cold, consider a vest/base layer under their school uniform.

Homework

Please continue to support your child with their learning at home by listening to them read regularly and supporting them to learn their spellings/times tables and complete other homework tasks. Homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday this half term and is due in by the following Tuesday. There will also be new Take Home Task Homework. Information about this will be sent out on Monday 17th January 2022.

Times Tables

In addition to completing weekly homework, please support your child to learn and practise their times tables. This is especially important within Year 4 as all children within this year group will be taking part in the **Year 4 Multiplication Check** in the Summer Term. For more information about the Multiplication Check, please speak with us or visit the Gov.uk website.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. We are excited for the Spring Term ahead and look forward to another term of exciting learning opportunities!

Best wishes

Miss Kumari and Miss Orso (Year 4 class teachers)