



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents/ Carers

**Welcome to Year 4!**

**Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots**

We hope you had a lovely summer. The children have certainly come back refreshed and enthusiastic about their learning.

Our first topic this year is The Anglo-Saxons. We are starting our learning on this through a novel, Anglo-Saxon boy by Tony Bradman. It is a great adventure story which really brings this period of history to life and we're sure it will inspire some fantastic writing and art work. The children have already come up with a very impressive list of things they want to find out about the Anglo-Saxons and we are all looking forward to learning more. In DT, we are hoping to make some Anglo Saxon musical instruments so if you have any shoes boxes we would be very grateful! Our class topic web has more information about what we will be covering across the different areas of the curriculum.

**Reading**

Year 4 can be a really key year for reading as the children develop their fluency and comprehension skills. They read a wider range of books with more complex vocabulary. It is important that children read to an adult and they should be aiming to read every day Monday-Thursday and at least once over the weekend. We use dictionaries in school to look up unfamiliar words and it is useful if children can do this or discuss new words with you. Please continue to record reading in the Blue Book.

**PE**

The children will need to have their PE kit in school at all times. We will be doing PE at twice a week and swimming will start after Christmas.

**Communication**

Please use the Blue Books for any general comments and information about after school arrangements. If you need to speak to me, please let me know after school or contact the school office for an appointment.



**Class introduction meeting**

We will be holding our class introduction afternoon on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 3.05 pm for about 10 minutes. There will be a quick overview of what to expect in Year 4 and how to support your child's learning.

Many thanks

Alison Hobby and Carrie Moore