

# Year 4 Spring 1 News.

WOW! Are we really a third of the way through the year already?! We've had a really busy half term leading up to Christmas and have done some fabulous learning. This letter gives you the heads up of a few things that are happening early next half term as well as a couple of reminders. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to me either in the playground or by making an appointment via the office.

## **Time traveller - 1066**

Our next topic is all about the Normans invasion. We will study the claimants to the throne, castles, the feudal system and the Bayeux Tapestry. To launch our topic, we are having a full day with Colin, Julie and Adam (Moving Words) on Mon 13th Jan. These are the people from the poetry, movement and drama company that we've had in school before. They always offer an exciting and engaging day in which the children learn lots as well as having fun. We will use the learning from this day throughout the half term. At 2:30 on the 13th, you are welcome to come to school to see a performance of what the children have created. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible.. Please ensure you've paid via parent pay before the day.

## **INGLEBOROUGH HALL MEETINGS**

Just a reminder that I will be holding information meetings about Ingleborough Hall on Tues 7th Jan. These will be at 8:30, 3:30 and 5:30 in the hope that everyone will be able to attend one of these meetings. If you cannot come, please endeavour to send a representative for your child. I will be giving information about the visit and handing out vital forms for you to complete as well as the all important kit list.

## **LINKING PROJECT**

Our linking visit is on Thurs 9th Jan. The visit is free to yourselves but please ensure you've filled in and returned the consent slip by Friday 20th Dec. Your child will need a packed lunch on the day. Thank you.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Whilst I endeavour to instil independence into the children in Year 4, your support with this is always much appreciated. Any help and reminders you can give your child to ensure they have the correct equipment at school would be great. The things they need on which day are listed below.

EVERY DAY - reading book, reading record book, fully stocked pencil case.

FRIDAY - PE kit, library book, homework book.

PENCIL CASES - Pencil cases should be simple in design and modest in size and should fit into your child's tray. The equipment they should have is a pencil, a black pen (if they have their licence) a ruler, a green biro and a glue stick (provided by school) They may also bring a rubber and a pencil sharpener if they wish but these should again be fit for purpose and fit comfortably inside their pencil case. If your child wishes to bring a set of pencil crayons, this is also fine. Children do not need felt tips, highlighters, gel pens, scissors, maths sets or novelty or large items.

Other things from home e.g. toys, cards, note pads, teddies etc should remain at home.

Thank you for your support in this.

## **HOMEWORK**

Please see over for a list of ideas for next half term's homework. These are ideas for the larger project based piece your child will complete. These can begin being brought to school on Mon 3rd Feb and should be in no later than Wed 12th Feb. This gives us time to look at and share all the children's hard work.

Your child's homework book needs to be in school every Friday. This will show the work they have completed over the week. This will, at a minimum, be their spellings but may also show evidence of them working on their times tables, reviewing something we've done in class, writing about their week or creating a piece of work of their own choice and interest.

# **PROJECT HOMEWORK IDEAS.**

**Please choose one of these, or an idea of your own, and create your project over the half term. Bring it to school any day between 3rd and 10th Feb to share with all your friends.**

- \* Visit a castle or fort with your family. Take lots of pictures and tell us all about it.
- \* Design your own armour.
- \* Design a castle.
- \* Find out about the Battle of Stamford Bridge.
- \* Make your own Domesday book.
- \* Find out about a Norman Games Tournament. What games were played?
- \* Learn some French words - colours, numbers, how to introduce yourself.
- \* Find out about the shields used in Norman times. Design and make your own. What shape, colours and patterns will you choose?

**Present your work however you wish. PowerPoints or other electronic work can be emailed to the office or brought in on a memory stick.**