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Dear Parents and Carers,

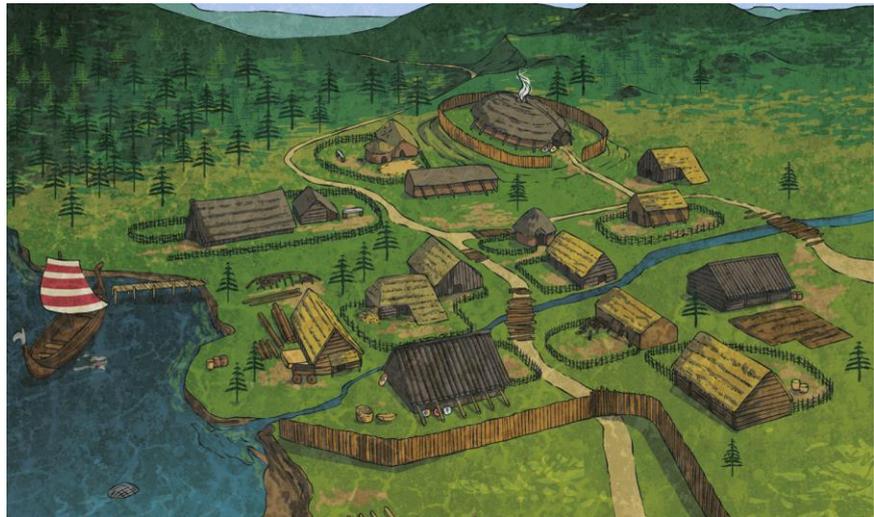
Welcome back, I hope you had a good half term. The children have settled well and have made a good start to the new term.

This half term we will be studying:

Topic: 'Where would you choose to build a city?'

We will continue to finish our Leisure and Entertainment in the 21st Century topic.

As part of our new topic, we will be examining land use; what people need when considering building a settlement and why rivers are important to the location of major cities. We will learn how to locate important features on a map, how to use appropriate map symbols and we will compare maps to aerial photographs of the same area. We will compare differences between cities, towns and villages; questioning why people choose to live in a specific location. We will also look at maps of the British Isles, Great Britain, UK, Europe and the World; identifying capital cities and countries. Please share your knowledge and experiences with your child.



English

We will be looking at Fairy stories and Play scripts; Non-chronological reports and Poems to perform. We will be learning about fronted adverbials, apostrophes, speech noun phrases and suffixes. We will also be focusing on the need to use a range of punctuation (including: commas, exclamation marks, brackets, and apostrophes and ellipses); paragraphs and complex and descriptive sentences in their writing. Please encourage your child with their writing and to read at home for at least 15 minutes daily as part of their homework; questioning them to check that they have understood what they have read. There will be daily spelling and SPAG lessons.

Year 4 will be participating in the DLA **Poetry Festival** on National Poetry Day, with children from other local schools on Thursday 21 March. Thank you for your support in learning the class poem so that they could recite it without the need for the words.

Mathematics

We will continue to look at the full range of Mathematical concepts with a continued focus on fractions and decimals. Please support your child with his/her calculation skills and continue to encourage your child to learn the key addition facts and times tables facts.

Times Tables

Please continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables at home using the Times Tables Rock Stars programme. Children should continue to practise their x6, x7, x8, x11 and x12 tables.

By the end of the Year children in Year 4 should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12. There will be a times Tables Test at the end of the year.

RE

This term we will be learning about Christianity. We will study the narrative of the Last Supper and discuss what Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial might mean. We will make links between Gospel texts and how Christians remember, celebrate and serve on Maundy Thursday, including Holy Communion. The term will finish with some



reflection on how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus in their everyday lives.

Science

We will continue to complete our topic on Electricity.

Our next Science topic is on '**Animals including Humans**'. Pupils will be learning how to:

- Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans
- Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

Computer

We will start the term by looking at ways to present different genres. We will then edit text and discuss how it best fits the purpose and audience. The second half of the term will focus on LOGO and learning the associated language. The children will write instructions and use the tools of LOGO to create specific shapes and patterns.

Spelling

This term we will be learning to spell: words spelt with sc, ce, ci, common words related in meaning and words from the statutory spelling list – see Year 4 Term 2 Overview Sheet.

Homework

Monday: **Spelling test**. Homework due in.

Tuesday: New spellings sent home.

Thursday: Homework sent home.

P.E.

Thursday: Indoor PE –Handball (Mrs Abbott)

Friday: Outdoor PE – Football (Mrs Theaker)

Healthy Lifestyles

On Wednesday afternoons this term Mr Tom Humphrey's will be taking the class for a Healthy Lifestyles lesson. The children will learn about how to keep healthy, about nutrition and diet and about exercise.

Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed for PE.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit, inc. tracksuit/jogging bottoms, a jumper/sweatshirt and suitable footwear. School shoes are not permitted for PE lessons. If for any reason, your child is not able to take part in PE please send a note to let me know, otherwise I will expect a child to take part.

I would like to remind children that jewellery (other than a wristwatch), overly large decorative hair decorations and nail varnish are not permitted. Please ensure that all items of uniform including coats and PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Dates to remember:

Friday 5 April – Last day of Term

We look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. Please do come and see us at the end of the day if you have any queries or concerns about your child this term. We look forward to continuing to work together this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dawn Theaker, Mrs Jennie Abbott and Mrs Clugston

