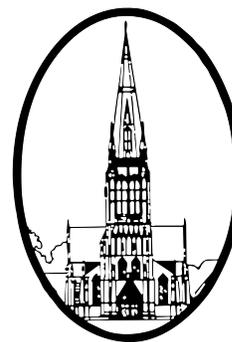


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be
the best we can be.'*

Thursday 6th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a lovely summer holiday. I am really looking forward to working with your children this year. My name is Mr Dale and I shall be teaching year 4. We also have Mrs Alvis and Mrs Perpetuo supporting our class.

Your child's topic this half term will be
Scavengers and settlers
Focus: History

Year 4 will be starting their new topic this week. During the 'Scavengers and settlers' topic, the children will be researching the early civilisations of Britain and what life was like as an ancient Hunter Gatherer. As part of the topic we will be learning about and investigating ancient treasures.

Here is an overview of the topics that will be covered in the other curriculum areas.

Literacy	<p>The first book we will be reading is 'Edward Tulane', by Kate DiCamillo, followed by 'Peaboy and other stories from Iran'.</p> <p>The children will be learning how to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Predict - Write newspaper reports - Write character and scene descriptions - Write diary entries and stories - Gather information and write non-chronological reports. <p>Spelling, grammar and punctuation will continue to be taught throughout the term.</p>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers to 4 digits • Whole Numbers • Addition & Subtraction • Multiplication and Division • Fractions • Measures – length
PE	Team games and gymnastics

	Swimming
PHSCE	New beginnings
RE	Who is Jesus?
Spanish	Communication skills

PE

Your child's PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

Monday is swimming day. Your child **MUST** have a swimming hat as well as a costume.

All children need to bring swimming kits. It is a very important survival skill and a part of the National Curriculum. Unless there is a serious medical reason that school is aware of, children are not exempt from swimming.

Wednesday is the children's second PE session. Please ensure your child comes to school with their full PE kit.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday and returned the following Thursday.

Reading

We expect that your child reads on a daily basis for 10 – 20 minutes and that you sign your child's reading log every day to say that they have done this. Please can you discuss the plot and characters as well as the meaning of new words children encounter. This will help to develop comprehension skills. Please remember to reread the whole sentence once a tricky word has been solved. This helps to develop fluency.

Times Tables

By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of their times tables (1 -12) off by heart and their related division facts.

For example:

$$2 \times 5 = 10$$

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

$$10 \text{ divided by } 2 = 5$$

$$10 \text{ divided by } 5 = 2$$

Please ensure your child practises these times tables on a daily basis as part of their homework routine.

Drinking water and Fruit

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure your child has a **named** water bottle in school. Children are also encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break time.

Finally, I would just like to remind you that the school gates open at 8.50am each morning and that your child should be settled in class by 9am when learning starts. Please remember that the school day ends at 3.30pm and that children must be collected on time. Children will be returned to parents individually by me each day except on Wednesdays where they will be dismissed by Miss Orme. It is important that staff are able to prepare lessons and attend staff meetings directly after school; therefore parents of children that are collected late will be fined £10.

I look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be a successful school term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and talk to me in the playground after school or make an appointment with me at the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Dale