

# WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We are excited to catch up with the children, find out what they have been up to and get to know them. The Year 4 team this year consists of Miss Marum, who will be teaching the Badgers and Miss Travers, who will be teaching the Dragonflies. Mrs Hough will also be around to help us throughout the week. We will be out on playground to greet the children in the mornings and give you all a wave! Feel free to approach us if you have any questions.

Our first topic is Invasion, which will be topped off with a visit to the Jorvik Centre in York! More information about this will follow. Within this topic, we will learn about life in Britain after the Roman withdrawal and Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions up to the Norman Conquest. We will learn even more about this topic in our English and Guided Reading lessons too, with our main book being "The Saga of Erik the Viking" by Terry Jones. In Geography, we will learn about compass points, grid references, physical and human features in the UK, as well as learning about countries in North and South America. In Art, we will develop our mixing and painting skills, our understanding of colour and also have a go at weaving.

We will be working hard to improve our spelling and grammar, with weekly spelling tests, as well as daily spelling activities. It is vital that you spend some time with your children at home to support them, particularly with the year 3 and 4 statutory spelling words (in their diaries!). Maths will begin with a big push on the basics such as place value, written and mental calculations and times tables. The children will be working hard on their times tables this year, ahead of a Multiplication Tables Check in the summer term. A good website to practise these on is: [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk). We will send home more and more times tables work as we progress through the year, including different websites and apps to try. In school, the children will join in with different counting activities each day, as well as multiple times tables tests each week. Please support your child with improving their times tables knowledge at home where you can.

Each day, the children should bring in a water bottle from home. They do not need to bring a pencil case or any stationery- this will all be provided for them.

Your child should now have an appropriate reading book, based on their initial assessment. The children can change these in school once they have read them. Children who attend Read Write Inc will have theirs changed weekly. Please do still encourage your child to read at home. We will still be checking Fab4 scores on a Monday and expect great things!

**P.E./SWIMMING** – Year 4 will not be swimming until later in the year, but we will give you all information as and when it is needed. Children will need their PE kit in school for the whole week. We will remind them to bring it home on a Friday to be washed. They will need to have appropriate trainers, black joggers/shorts and a white t shirt. All earrings will need to be removed. Please be aware that we cannot do this for you. Please ensure they have appropriate kit for all weathers so that we can still go outside for our sessions.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to working with you all over the coming year!

We will hold a "Meet the Teacher" meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. We look forward to meeting you all properly there!

The Year 4 team 😊