



# Year 4

## Autumn 1

### CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

#### Our Creative Habit - Collaborative



##### English

This half term our model text will be 'Staying out'. We will be retelling the story and writing our own suspense story.

##### Maths

We will be focusing on place value beyond 1000, adding & subtracting with numbers up to four digits and will be strongly focusing on our times tables in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication check that will take place next year.

##### Science

Animals, including humans - our bodies (digestion).

##### History

Anglo Saxons & Vikings.

##### Art

Story telling through drawing.

##### Computing

Computing systems & networks.

##### French

Revise ways to describe people.

##### RE

Can I be a person on faith & a scientist.

##### PE

Basketball

#### Welcome to Year 4

We are very excited to welcome you to Year 4! We have an exciting and busy half term ahead and we will do our utmost to make sure that the transition back to school is as smooth as possible, so we will be focusing on the wellbeing of the children and settling them back into school routines.

Our new classes are named after Wangari Maathai, who was an educator and an environment activist, and Alan Turing, who was a mathematician and computer scientist. Mrs Bisset and Mrs Wilcox will be teaching in Turing class and Mr Eatenton and Ms Fosker will teach in Maathai class.

Drop off time for Year 4 is 8.40am and pick up time is 3.15pm. We will work together to follow our school rules as usual. They make our learning environment safe for everyone:

- 1) Praise, no put down.
- 2) Hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- 3) Follow instructions.
- 4) Talk quietly, stay on task.



#### PSHE



This half term our PSHE unit is called 'Being me in my world.' We will learn about our right to learn and how we get along with others. We will be contributing towards our class charter and know that everyone's views are valued.



Our value this half term is -  
**Love**



## Our Learning So Far...

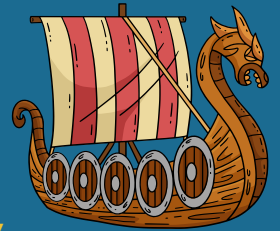
School radio - <https://drake-school.broadcast.radio/>

Our class page - <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+Three&pid=304>

## This Half term

This term our theme is 'Folks' and we will be learning about Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We will be focusing who are the British? What journeys did people make to settle here? What does it mean to settle far from your home? What makes a home. Why might others try to take it away?

We are excited to be visiting Sutton Hoo on 10<sup>th</sup> October to undertake a variety of knowledge of life during Anglo Saxon times.



We are continuing to use The Zones of Regulation in class. Each class has a Zones of Regulation 'check-in' station, so that all pupils are able to express what zone they are in and how they are feeling. We are also starting to build on this work, by thinking about what strategies we can use to support us to regulate our emotions.

### Dates for Diary

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September:** Whole school trip to High Lodge.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 4 parent café (9.00-10.00am).

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October -** Educational visit to Sutton Hoo.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October:** Individual photos

**w/b 27<sup>th</sup> October:** Half term.

### Home Learning



**Reading:** Please listen to your child read, we are aiming for 7 reads every week. Remember to record any reading in your reading record. Please bring your reading record to school every day.

**Reading Comprehension:** A text and questions will be sent home in a yellow homework book. Reading comprehension will be sent out on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Friday.

**Spellings:** A spelling list will be given out on Fridays, for a spelling check in school the following Friday.

**Times Tables Rockstars:** Have a go at logging into TTRS at home to practise times tables.

## PE and Forest School

**PE:** Year 4 will have PE every Tuesday. We will be learning to play Basketball! Please come into school wearing PE kit on Tuesday and make sure long hair is tied back. Just a reminder that earrings are not to be worn in school for safety.

**Forest School:** Year 4 will have Forest School sessions on Friday:

Maathai class: 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Turing class: 19<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> December.