

# Home-School Link Letter

Year: 4

Term: Autumn 1



English	<p>In English this half term, children will be using the non-fiction eBook, '<b>Wanted: Space Explorer</b>'. This will be followed by a fiction unit using the book '<b>Christophe's Story</b>'. Children will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recognise features of biographical texts</li><li>• Identify key information to enable them to respond to the text</li><li>• Develop their writing through effective planning, writing and evaluation</li><li>• Use drama and role play to develop their writing</li><li>• Develop their inference and prediction skills</li><li>• Use oral storytelling to develop their written stories</li></ul> <p>Additionally, we will do weekly 'Reading Comprehension', and 'GPS'. (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling)</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths this half term your child will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add next multiple of 100</li><li>• Subtract multiples of 100</li><li>• Compare 4 digit numbers using &lt; &gt; symbols</li><li>• Subtract 2 and 3-digit numbers</li><li>• Multiply 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers</li><li>• Recognise fractions of amounts</li><li>• Identify time to the minute on analogue and digital clocks</li><li>• Measures mm, cm, m</li><li>• Convert units of measure</li><li>• Add 3-digit numbers using column method</li></ul> <p>The children will also have weekly 'Problem Solving and Reasoning' sessions to apply their knowledge to real-life situations. In addition, children will complete daily Mental Maths activities. Please continue to support your child in learning their times tables as these are valuable to most areas of Maths.</p>
Science	<p>In Science this half term your child will be exploring '<b>Electricity- It's Electric</b>'. Through this topic your child will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Electrical safety</li><li>• Constructing circuits</li><li>• Good and bad conductors of electricity</li></ul>
Topic	<p>In Topic this half term your child will be exploring the Anglo-Saxons through a topic called, '<b>Invaders and Settlers</b>'. They will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How the Anglo-Saxons fit into the British chronology</li><li>• How peoples lives have shaped Britain</li><li>• Why Britain has been influenced by the wider world</li><li>• Anglo-Saxon Kings and their law system</li><li>• The significance of storytelling, poetry, music and feasting</li><li>• The Anglo-Saxons beliefs and religious stories</li></ul>

<p><b><u>PE</u></b>  On a Tuesday children will be partaking in invasion games and gymnastics. <b>Please ensure all kit is in school, earrings are removed and long hair is tied up on this day. Outdoor kit will be needed.</b></p>	<p><b><u>ICT</u></b>  In ICT this half term your child will be learning about 'Coding'. We will be learning tot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design and write a programme</li> <li>• Use repetition and user input</li> <li>• Understand debugging</li> <li>• Working with different variables</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>RE</u></b>  In RE this half term your child will be learning about '<b>Becoming an Adult</b>'. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is means to belong to a group</li> <li>• Learning about confirmation and believer's baptism</li> <li>• Learning about Bar Mitzvah.</li> <li>• Taking responsibility</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>PHSE</u></b>  In PSHE this half term your child will be learning about '<b>Choices</b>'. Children will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making choices</li> <li>• Choosing a pet</li> <li>• Choosing a present</li> <li>• Comparing newspapers</li> <li>• Using money wisely</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Reading Information:</u></b>  In Year 4 we are encouraging your children to continue to be enthusiastic readers. To support this, children will be able to change their books throughout the week. Reading records needed to be completed by children and completed by parents/carers each week. These will be checked by a member of staff on a Friday.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>Key Dates</u></b></p> <p><b>Spelling test</b> -Wednesdays (Results and new spellings sent out on a Thursday)  <b>PE Kit</b> - Tuesday (We advise PE kits are kept in school all week and will be returned each half term to be washed).  <b>Talk for Writing</b>- will be handed on a Monday and will need to be completed and brought in on a <u>Friday</u>.  <b>Reading records</b> - will be checked by staff on a Friday</p> <p><b>Anglo Saxon workshop- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What else can you do to help your child?</b></p> <p>You may choose to visit a library, look on the internet or talk to your child about the areas they are learning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please continue to practice spellings and times tables and read your child's home/school books.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please contact your child's class teacher if you need any advice or have any suggestions or concerns.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for your continued support.</p>	