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Dear Parents,

Welcome/welcome back to Class Four!

We hope that the children have had an enjoyable holiday and are returning to school refreshed and keen to embark on an exciting year in Class Four!

## RE

In RE this half term the children will learn that the Bible is a story of God's love and concern for us. They will learn that the Bible is a living book through which God speaks to us and tells us about himself and that the Bible is one story told through many different books. Children will have the opportunity to read many different Bible stories and it would be helpful if you were able to talk to them about your favourite stories or ones you enjoyed at their age.

## Science

Our science topic will be based on skeletons and movement. We will investigate questions such as:

- What if humans didn't have a skeleton?
- Do all animals have a skeleton?
- Which are the most important bones in our body and why?
- Does our skeleton grow the older we get? How do we know?
- How does our skeleton help with movement?
- Why do we have muscles and how do they work?
- Do we all grow at the same rate?

## History

This half term we will be studying the settlement of Anglo Saxons. We will be discovering where they came from, where they settled and their way of life and beliefs. We will also be developing our historical enquiry skills to understand the mystery of Sutton Hoo. We have planned an 'Anglo Saxon day' on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October; further details will be released shortly.

## Spelling

We are continuing with the Read Write Inc spelling scheme this year, which involves short sessions 4 times a week where children will learn a spelling and have the



opportunity to practise and implement this rule in class. Weekly spelling tests will be introduced later in the term, which will focus on the words which children are expected to learn depending on their year group.

### **Homework**

Homework is an important element of children's learning which provides them with the opportunity to practise and consolidate skills taught in class. We will set a piece of English and Maths homework every week. This will be distributed on a Friday and returned on a Wednesday.

### **Reading**

Children will be expected to read at home and would benefit greatly from having the opportunity to read to an adult on a regular basis. Please comment on your child's reading in the reading journal provided. Most children will receive an Oxford Reading Tree reading scheme book.

We are starting this year with a 'reading challenge' to encourage children's independent reading. For every book which a child completes, they receive a golden ticket. If the class as a whole reach a total of 100 tickets, there will be a class treat!

### **PE**

PE will be on a Friday this year. This half term we will be outdoors (weather permitting). Children will need both indoor and outdoor kits to cover all eventualities.

### **Swimming**

Once again, Class Four will have weekly swimming lessons at Ossett Academy. This forms part of our children's PE entitlement. The lessons will take place on a Wednesday morning at 10.25am Children need to bring the following kit:

- One piece costume (girls), jammers- cycling short style (boys)
- Towel
- Swimming cap (can be purchased for £1 at Ossett Academy on the day).

Children can bring goggles to wear if they wish. A plastic bag is also useful for taking the wet kit home afterwards.

### **Class Dojo**

We will continue to use Class Dojo. This is an efficient way to improve communication between home and school. If you are unsure how it works please pop in and we will be happy to show you how it works.

### **Beginning of year curriculum meeting**

We will be holding meetings on Wednesday 14th September at 3:30pm and 5pm in class to go through year group expectations and class routines. We would be grateful

if you could either return the slip at the end of this letter or contact us via dojo to indicate which session you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you!

**Parents evening**

Parents evening will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm-6pm. Appointments will become available to book later in the term.

**House-keeping**

Children have been given a new water bottle this week. Please encourage your child to bring their school bottle to school each day.

Indoor shoes are part of our school uniform and it is important that children remember to change from their outdoor footwear when they are in the building. Please ensure that your child has their name clearly marked in their pumps.

We have an exciting new addition to the Key Stage Two classrooms this year; lockers! The children were very excited to find their own locker on Tuesday morning and have done a very good job of keeping the cloakrooms tidy so far. The lockers are not very large and we would be grateful if you could encourage your children to keep the amount of belongings that they bring to school to a minimum to ensure they can fit everything in.

Mrs Humbles works on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning then Mrs Ridgeon takes over on a Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. We will continue to liaise and work closely together to ensure continuity for the children and relish the prospect of helping this class reach their potential.

If you have any concerns or anything you wish to discuss, please contact school and either of us would be happy to meet with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Humbles and Mrs S Ridgeon- Class Four Teachers

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**Class Four Curriculum Evening – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the curriculum evening at (please tick the appropriate time):

3.30pm

5pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

