

# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – April 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to year 4; Ms. Pollydore and I hope that you have had a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to the summer term. Please find information about our topics and class expectations below.

## Curriculum

Our exciting and engaging year 4 curriculum is taught through a topic based approach, allowing our children the opportunity to develop as successful, independent learners acquiring a wide range of skills and knowledge. Our topic for this term is The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, the children's learning will be extended and challenged as they have the chance to fully immerse themselves in the topic.

Class trip to Church – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
Class Assembly – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April (2:00pm)

## Weekly Activities

Music – Recorder lessons will continue on Thursdays

PE – Monday and Thursday  
Children should come to school in their full St Matthew Academy PE kit, they will remain in their kit throughout the school day.

Swimming – will be a two-week course of daily lessons from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## Homework

Homework will be set each Friday with the expectation that it is handed in the following Wednesday. The purpose of homework is to provide the children with the opportunity to consolidate and extend the learning that has taken place that week in class. Each child will receive a comprehension, maths homework and spellings. We expect all children to read for at least 20 minutes each evening and practise their spellings and times tables.

Topic homework will be set once a half term with 6 weeks to complete, which they can present in a way of their choosing, allowing opportunities to pursue personal subjects of interest; science, art, music, drama, computing.

## Contact Details

I am happy chat to parents at the beginning and/or end of the school day. You can also email on the address below. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

**Mr. Bowen**

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## Expectations

Children to arrive by 8.45am in full school uniform ready to start their learning. All children are to bring in their homework diary and reading book each day. Details of homework and activities in school will be recorded in the homework diary. Reading at home should be recorded in the reading record book. These should be checked and signed each week and will be monitored in school by the class teacher. If your child has to bring a mobile phone to school this should be handed to the class teacher in the morning. The children should bring a water bottle to school and may bring in a healthy snack for morning break.

## Reading

Statistics show that if a child reads 20 minutes per day compared to 1 minute per day, they will hear 1,800,000 words per year compared to 8000 words per year. This in turn shows that a child who reads 20 minutes a day will likely score better than 90% of their peers in standardised tests.

Please ensure your child reads **every evening** and this is marked in their reading record book, which is checked daily.



