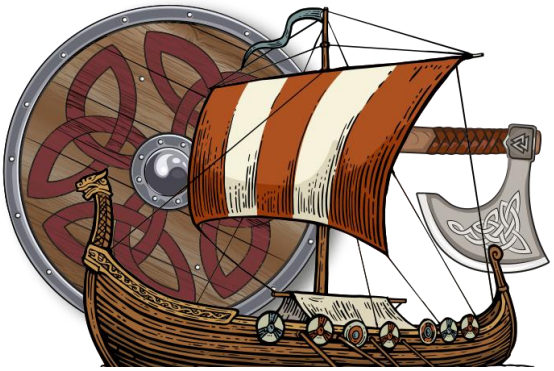

Year 4: Meerkats
Summer Newsletter

April 2026

Welcome back!

It has been fantastic to see the children back at school after our Easter break, and it has been wonderful to see everyone returning to school with such a positive attitude to learning.

The summer term is always one that we look forward to for many reasons and hope the children are just as excited as we are about our last term together in Year 4. As ever, there will be plenty of opportunities for the children to show how much progress they have made and to learn new and exciting things.

Raiders and Traders

Our new topic is 'Raiders and Traders'. An exciting unit based on the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. We have also linked a new class text with this particular time in history. We have already started reading 'Invaders' by June Crebbin and the children have been very enthusiastic about the English lessons based on it. We have planned many exciting opportunities in our lessons for exploration and discovery. We're really looking forward to sharing new information and tasks about this interesting era of history. Furthermore, the children will have an opportunity to show off some of their art skills throughout the term as we use different mediums to produce art inspired by our topic.

This half term, we will be focusing on stories with historical settings, as well as reading and writing non-fiction texts. We will be studying key number skills, money, mass, volume, length and area in our maths lessons. In science, we will find out about electricity and attempt some experiments. We will continue to have percussion lessons on Wednesdays.

Our weekly PE slots are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pupils should continue to come to school dressed in appropriate kit. Correct PE kit should consist of a t-shirt, shorts (or jogging bottoms) and footwear. Earrings should be taken out or covered, and hair

should be tied back. We are aiming to use our school field as much as possible as the weather warms up!

Homework

As always, homework will be set every Thursday to be completed and returned to school by the following Tuesday. In addition to the homework that is set, all children should be reading at least three times a week at home and practising the weekly spellings.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 4th May: May Bank Holiday
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May: Specialist Week- details to follow
Friday 22nd May: Break up for half term.
Monday 1st June: Pupils return to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Miss Vaughan and Miss Verma