# **Class 4 Curriculum Update**

Monday 11th December 2023

Monthly values - 'Understanding' and 'Responsibility'



## Merry Christmas!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas time with your friends and family and are able to enjoy this special time of year. The children have all worked hard this term and I'm sure they are ready for a well-earned rest!

There are lots of Christmas activities going on over the next two weeks (see list on next page) alongside continuing our daily work.

# 'Saxon King'

We are now learning about the Anglo-Saxons and what life was like over a thousand years ago. We are paying particular attention to Harold Godwinson, who has a special link to Hereford and who was an important figure in the events of 1066! There are also some local connections with the mythology of King Arthur and we will hopefully be able to visit the location which inspired one of his legends. There is a strong history element to this theme and we will also look at some of the British monarchs, claims to the throne and historical accuracy of the Bayeux Tapestry.

#### Times Tables

In recent weeks, we have been practising all the times tables and developing the children's knowledge of counting in multiples and recognising patterns. We have been using lots of songs, games and activities to help. Please keep up practising at home to support these number facts being secure in quick recall. After Christmas, we will be sending home some practising and more ideas and ways to support your child. TTRockstars continues to be a great resource to use to help your child.

Thank you for your support.



#### Christmas craft

Please could you send in any clear glass jars with lids, such as pasta sauce or jam jars. We will be using these in the last week to make something festive!

Thank you.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I am at the gate after school every day, you can call the school office or send an email.

Thank you from Mr Ford, Mr Batstone and the wider Year 4 team.



### Christmas party!

We will have our Christmas party, shared with Year 3, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We will be sending out requests for some party food in the next few days so please check with your child. Party clothes are allowed on that day, whereas for the rest of that week it is normal school uniform but your child can wear a Christmas jumper if they wish.

## **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Flu vaccines and also Forest School (visiting King Arthur's Stone)

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Carol service at Madley Church in the evening

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Year 4 Christmas party

Thursday 21st December - Madley's Got Talent

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Last day of term

Monday 8th January - Start of spring term