



Dear Year 4 Parents and carers,

Welcome back to school and the start of a new term. We hope that you all had a nice Christmas break and that you weren't too affected by the on-going situation.

This term the children will be finishing off our Ancient Civilisation topic by looking at the Shang dynasty and we will then start Anglo-Saxon studies. If you would like to know more information about what the children will be learning this half term, the curriculum map is attached with this letter. It is also available in your child's Google Classroom.

Homework will continue to be set every Friday on Google Classroom, to be completed by the end of the following Wednesday. The children will receive spellings each week alongside another task. It is also really important that your child is reading every day. Whilst we recommend a minimum of 20 minutes a day, we realise that this isn't always possible. You may, therefore, also include time when your child is being read to or listening to an audiobook as part of that 20 minutes.

Our PE days remain the same, Tuesday (Jones), Wednesday (Ma) and Friday (Both). We will continue with outdoor PE all through the winter, so please make sure that your child's PE kit includes trousers.

On a similar note, one of our most effective Covid prevention measures is to keep all windows and doors open. Even with the heating on full, this means that the classrooms are colder than usual, especially on windy days. Please make sure that your child has a jumper with them at all times, even if they choose not to wear it. We are also recommending vests and/or additional layers throughout the winter months. On very cold days, the children are being allowed to wear fleeces on top of their normal school jumper.

Finally, I want to remind you that your child is allowed to bring in fruit or vegetable in to eat at break time. Please note the following are not allowed: crisps, sweets, chocolate bars or biscuits.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that St Michael's is a nut-free school due to allergies. Please do not send in any snacks that contain nuts, this includes Nutella spread.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team – Miss Kelly, Mr Yeoman, Ms Machin and Mr Marton-Bell.