



## Juniper Class Spring Newsletter 2019 – Mrs Hill

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! Welcome back after the Christmas. Spring promises to be another exciting term of learning for our Y4 class. Keep an eye out for diary dates and other exciting events!

Our themes for this term are:

**Village Settlements** in Geography and **Anglo Saxons, Scots and Picts** in History. Our hook day will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January focusing on Beowulf and Anglo Saxons. You may come dressed up for this day if you would like.

In science we are learning about **Sound and Living Things and Their Habitats**. In addition, pupils will be recording information about bulb growth linked to the Edina Trust Bulb project.

Pupils will be completing an exciting DT project **designing and making their own alarm**.

In English our Key texts will be **The Ice Palace** and **The Princess' Blankets**.

In Music we will continue to develop their skills with **Djembe drumming**.

We intend to make great use of our learning outside, so please make sure that your child has a suitable coat as you never know when it might rain!

Please also ensure your child has a water bottle in school. Keeping hydrated is important and does impact positively on learning.

PE is on **Tuesday** afternoons so PE kits will be required on those days. There are occasions when this may change, so it would be advisable for children to bring their PE kits in on a Monday, and leave it for the week, just in case it is needed. It would be helpful if children could use a small drawstring bag for their kits.

All Year 4 pupils will be having **swimming lessons** as part of the PE curriculum. These will take place at Whitgift school. The lessons are Mon to Thurs starting on 11<sup>th</sup> March and ending on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

New Home learning activities are in everyone's home learning books

Homework books to be handed in on a **Friday**.

Please support your child to read at least 3 times per week. Please can this be recorded in the Home Reading Record books, whether it is a school book or otherwise. Home reading is monitored weekly on a **Thursday**.



Juniper class will be supported each morning by our class teaching assistant Mrs Fielding. Mrs Hulme and Mrs Lawson provide SEN support throughout the day. Miss Conney, our SCITT Teaching student will be working alongside Mrs Hill until February Half term. She will then be working at another school but returning to Juniper class after Easter.

**Please visit our class blog to find up-to-date information of our learning.**

