



Welcome to Year 4 Autumn 2021

We hope your child has enjoyed their start to Year 4 and is settling into the new routine and looking forward to an exciting and full year ahead.

UNIFORM

Our school uniform consists of a black or grey skirt or trousers, these should not be jersey or leggings, a white shirt or blouse and a red sweatshirt or cardigan. Children should also wear black shoes to school-trainers may be worn for PE only. Long hair should be tied back, this helps control the spread of headlice and also keeps your child's working area clear. Any hair accessories should be small and plain coloured. Jewellery and makeup are not permitted, except stud earrings. These must be covered or taken out for PE.

Please can we ask that your child's name is on **everything** - it really helps us to return items to their rightful owners!

PE

We will have PE on **WEDNESDAY**. Our P.E. kit consists of our house colour t-shirt, black shorts / leggings or jogging bottoms, black top or school sweatshirt and plimsolls or trainers. We are continuing with the same procedure as last year, so please send your child to school on Wednesday wearing their PE kit. If they wear school shoes on Wednesday, please bring PE shoes to school in a separate bag. Year 4 children will also be swimming on a Wednesday afternoon for the Autumn Term.

Home Learning

Each half term we will send home a project to complete that is related to our learning in the classroom. These will come out at the beginning of the half term to give you plenty of time to complete them. We will also be using SEESAW (an online platform) to send home weekly spellings and maths work. You will have been resent your individual password and details of how to join SEESAW separately.

Reading

As you know, it is essential to encourage the children to read as much as possible at home in order to consolidate their in-school learning, helping them to develop a creative imagination and expand their general knowledge and vocabulary skills. While we practise reading in school as much as possible, reading with your children at home will only enhance the progress they make.

- Please encourage your child to read at home to a family member/friend *at least 4 times per week*.
- This ***must*** be dated and signed by the adult who has heard the child to read in your child's reading record book.

Your child may also bring home a book that they will have chosen from our reading library. This is a book for you to share together and these books will have a sticker in the righthand corner indicating this. Hearing your child read every day, alongside reading a book with them, will greatly support them to develop the reading skills they need in Year 4.

11 BEFORE 11 is back!

At Beccles Primary Academy, we commit to giving every child a minimum of 11 adventures beyond the ordinary from the time they join us in Nursery, to when they leave us in Year 6.

11 before 11 takes pupils beyond the usual, outside of the classroom, and inspires them to continue to take on new challenges. Pupils will develop different aspects of their characters, learn new skills, and find out more about themselves through the programme.

In Year 4, our 11 before 11 experience is to complete a FLASH MOB DANCE! More details to follow very soon 😊

Year 4 Curriculum

Each half term we have a different learning theme. These are as follows:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<i>Traders & Raiders</i> <i>Anglo-Saxon Settlement</i>	<i>Road Trip USA</i> <i>American History & Geography</i>	<i>1066</i> <i>Vikings</i>	<i>Crashing Currents</i> <i>Rivers and Local Geography Study</i>	<i>Gods and Mortals</i> <i>Ancient Greece</i>	<i>Misty Mountain</i> <i>Mountains in UK and Greece</i>

Trips and Experiences

All our trips and experiences tie in with our learning themes. This year we have planned:

A trip to Sutton Hoo, Kaya Drums workshop, a virtual Viking raid, a visit to the River Waveney, a day in Togas and a project making mountains.

Exact dates will follow on the Flyer!

Parents

Each half term there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and share in our learning. We start with a Year 4 SHARE activity in Autumn 1, Christmas Carols and Crafts in December, A Viking Assembly in Spring 1 followed by a Maths Cafe in Spring 2. In the summer term we will be inviting you in to join us to take part in some Greek Arts & Crafts and then for a Summer Picnic near the end of term.

Watch out for your invitations!

We hope that your child enjoys the challenges and excitement that Year 4 has to offer.

If you have any concerns during their time with us, then please arrange to speak to one of us either in person or by telephone.

Thank you

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Year 4 Team