

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over this half term those of us in Year 4 will be following a unit of work on a theme which focuses on 'Settlements'. This unit of work is part of the International Primary Curriculum. This new curriculum sets out very clearly what children will learn:

- The subjects of the curriculum - the learning goals for each of these subjects are at least as challenging as anything taught in the curriculum taught in your child's own country. In many cases, the learning goals are more challenging.
- Personal development - the characteristics which will help children become responsible, independent learners.
- International understanding - which will help children develop both a sense of the independence of their own country and culture and the interdependence between countries and cultures.

Each unit of work is based around specific targets derived from the learning goals for one or more of the subjects. During this unit we will be focusing on History, Geography, Technology and International issues.

In Geography we'll be finding out:

- About different types of settlements
- About village life
- How to map and record geographical information

In History we'll be finding out:

- About the history of early invaders and settlers
- How to use evidence to research and record history

In Technology we'll be finding out:

- How to design and build a Viking long boat or a Roman ballista

We'll also be finding out how ICT can help us to research, organise and record our work, and how local and international communities live and work together.

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking how well your child has learned through particular activities and by asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you if they can.

If your child has some work to research please help them - but without actually doing the work!

By the end of unit, we hope your child will have achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom. And we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments about the work your child has done, please get in touch.

Best Wishes,

Year 4 staff