

**NORTHSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 4 - HALF TERMLY LETTER  
AUTUMN 2017 SECOND HALF TERM**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly welcome back to the second part of Autumn Term. I hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday and ready to enjoy another great half term! Our topic for the next six weeks will be all about the Anglo Saxons. We will be looking at the history of the Anglo Saxon's in Britain and lots of nonfiction texts.

**Literacy:** The two books we are using this half term are called 'How to be an Anglo Saxon in 13 easy steps' and 'What they didn't tell you about the Anglo Saxons'. We are going to look at how to retrieve and record relevant information from nonfiction texts, and then being able to present the evidence as a well written summary. The children will develop their vocabulary and ideas for writing by reading and discussing a variety of exciting traditional tales. The children will have a chance to explore and write their own poems based on all the Anglo Saxon information we have researched.

**Numeracy:** To begin with, we will be looking at measuring length and calculating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. We will move onto looking at how to present multiplication with the formal written method using the knowledge of mental multiplication strategies. This will lead into how division is linked with multiplication facts, how to present division in a variety of ways and how we can visually show division.

**Additional subjects:** The children will be studying states of matters by comparing and grouping different materials together, observing how states change when heated or cooled and researching how these changes happen. In geography and history we will be exploring the Anglo Saxon's through their traditions, beliefs and how the geography in Britain has changed since Saxon times. In art and DT lessons we will be looking at drawing historical figures with focus on specific physical human features using a variety of mediums such as charcoal and collage.

**Homework:** Homework will be given out on a Fridays to be handed back in the following Wednesday. This will normally consist of literacy and numeracy work. The children will receive spellings to learn each Friday in preparation for a test the following Friday.

As advised by the government, schools are now required to promote the following British values:

- Tolerance
- The Rule of Law
- Democracy
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect

The children will learn all about mutual respect in PSHE, through assemblies, in Literacy and celebrate World Tolerance Day on 16th November.

**To support your children's learning:**

- Read with your child or encourage them to read each night and help them develop a love of books. You or your child should comment in the yellow reading records and read the comments that staff have made during the week too.
- PE kits must be in school all the time – black shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers.

If you would like to know more about what we are doing, or you have any queries concerning your child, please make an appointment to see me after school.

Yours sincerely, Mr Tibbs and Miss Charalambous, Year 4 class teachers.