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Dear Parents,

Term Three is here at last and with it our exciting residential. The main thrust of our topic this term will be the Anglo Saxon period, where the children will be learning about what life was like and how the Anglo Saxons came to be in Britain. This will all link in closely to our English topic, which will be based around the epic tale of Beowulf.

The children will be identifying key events from the story and re-writing their own versions of the most exciting scenes from this classic tale. We will continue to investigate the use of powerful adjectives and fronted adverbials to link ideas within a text. The children will also learn more about conjunctions (especially subordinating ones) and how to use the punctuation around direct speech accurately. Handwriting will continue to be a focus and, of course, the children developing their own skills in self editing.

Maths will remain a stand-alone subject, away from the main topic theme. We will be covering place value again, in order to keep it fresh in the children's minds and we will also return to addition strategies with increasingly larger numbers. This will enable the children to understand the next element of the Maths better, which will be perimeter. Following this, we will return to formal written methods of multiplication in order to be able to apply them to using area. There will also be a chance to return to multiplication by 10, 100 and 100 and rounding to these same numbers.

Science this term is all about sound, how it travels and how we hear. Children will have the opportunity to experiment and develop their understanding through practical experimentation. Forest school will also continue this term, although the schedule will differ from the previous terms, due to the residential. Please see below for the time table of when Juniper or Willow are doing Forest Schools. Please encourage your children to ensure that they have the correct kit in for the days they are doing it, as the weather will get worse but we will continue to go out.

Swimming will continue on a Thursday for both classes, with this being our final term of these sessions. Our PE day will be Tuesday this term. Please make sure your child has their kit in school for our handball sessions, which will take place in the school hall.

One of the most anticipated events this term is our residential to The Wilderness. Just to remind everyone, 4Willow are going on the 24th January and returning on Wednesday 26th and 4Juniper are going on the 26th of January and returning on Friday the 28th. We don't know what the weather will be like but it is likely to be cold. The children need to dress appropriately - lots of layers of clothes, with the outer layer being warm and water proof. Fully water proof boots or shoes are essential. Please refer to the kit list, which was recently sent out. We suggest that the children take an active part in packing their own suitcases, as this will enable them to do the same when they have to pack at the Wilderness Centre.

If you have any questions or concerns, we are both at the door of our classrooms in the morning and at the end of school so please don't hesitate to come and chat.

This term it will also be our class assembly, on Friday the 11th February. To reduce the numbers in the audience, we will be having two performances that morning. There will be more information to follow regarding times.

Thank you again,

The Year 4 Team

Forest School Schedule Term 3

4Willow & 4 Juniper
Friday 21 st January: both classes
Friday 4 th February: both classes
Friday 11 th February: both classes
Friday 18 th February: Anglo Saxon Battle (pupils will need forest school clothes for this)