



## Harwell Community Primary School

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Dear Families

Welcome back after the Easter break - I hope you have had a lovely and relaxing time together and enjoyed chocolates and hot cross buns! I'm excited to have your children back to start another new and interesting term!

Our project this term is Warriors! In particular, Vikings! We'll be finding out all about them through our history and geography lessons. In history, we will focus on why we need to rely on secondary sources along with who the Vikings were, what they're famous for and their legacies. We've already created a Viking raid animation using Scratch on the chromebooks! Vikings are also the focus for our residential visit to Hooke Court at the end of the term and we will link our previous Wild Water learning to our visits to the coast to find out more about erosion. Excitement for our trip is building and I would like to invite you and your children to a Google Meet Residential Meeting with me on **Thursday 29th April** at either **3.45 pm OR 6.15 pm** where I can let you know in more detail what we'll be doing and you can ask any questions you may have. These meetings should be no more than half an hour, please use this link: [meet.google.com/yhh-gbxg-cdz](https://meet.google.com/yhh-gbxg-cdz).

If you would like to ask questions more privately, please feel free to email me via the office. If your child is reluctant to attend and there is a possibility that you might not send them, please contact me urgently to discuss this.

In maths we'll be spending most of the term on fractions whilst in literacy we'll be writing myths and recounts whilst developing our grammar and punctuation which this term will include standard English and suffixes. 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell is our Guided Reading book this term.

Your child should continue to bring in their **reading record** every day with a reading book. We read every day and would encourage everyone at home to spend 5 minutes listening and discussing too please. Just put an initial in the reading record which will confirm that this is happening. We do keep a log of who brings their record in every day to help us ensure everyone is being listened to by the staff so we appreciate your co-operation with this.

Please ensure your child is completing their **My Maths homework** - it is available from Friday and is expected to be completed by the next Friday. Should this be a problem please let me know.

**Spellings are now available online via Spelling Shed.** The children's logins are glued into their reading journal. We now have a test each week so it is in their interest to practise. Paper copies are available for those who experience technical difficulties.

Our **swimming** day will be **Thursday** and children should bring a kit or a note to excuse them. Boys trunks must be tight fitting not shorts and girls must be a one piece costume please. Goggles should only be worn by those who have given permission. Earrings must be taken out - if your child can't take them out please do so before they come to school. They cannot swim otherwise. I'm sure you agree that following instructions when in or around water is vitally important, any instances where this is not happening will be reported to you at the end of the day.

In Geography we will be focusing on locational knowledge and geographical skills - by using maps and atlases to locate the countries the Vikings came from, human and physical geography will identify types of settlement and land use including economic activity such as trading. Our circle time this term is all about Relationships and will cover Jealousy, Love and Loss, Memories, Getting on and Falling Out, Boyfriends and Girlfriends and Celebrating Relationships; the weekly certificates will reflect these. In Modern Foreign Languages, we will be practising listening, talking, reading and writing in Spanish and our RE this term considers the question 'What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?'

Our outcome will focus on our residential and will be on **Tuesday 8th June at 2.30 pm** via a Google Meet and we would be delighted if you could join us. This is the link:  
[meet.google.com/zbx-mcpg-qmz](https://meet.google.com/zbx-mcpg-qmz)

Thank you once again for your support in our learning, it is very much appreciated.

Any questions, please send an email to the office.

Warm regards

Mrs Martin