



# Gilbertstone Primary School

## Year 4 Spring 1 Newsletter

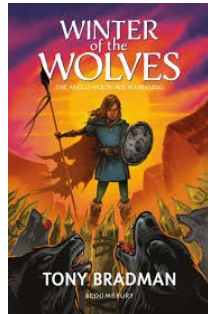


### Welcome back to the new school year!

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that everyone had a wonderful break and that the children enjoyed their Christmas celebrations. We are looking forward to another great term with your children and we have lots of interesting topics planned!

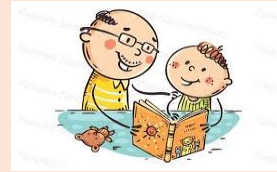
## Literacy

This half term we will be reading 'The Winter of the Wolves' by Tony Bradman. This text links to our history topic about the Anglo Saxons. We are looking forward to reading the book and writing instructions about how to be a good warrior! We will also be writing newspaper reports and a character description about the main character, Oslaf,



## Reading

Class 4I will be reading 'Dead Good Detectives' and 4C will be reading 'Real Life Mysteries'. After this we will be moving on to poetry. Please can you continue to read with your child and fill in their orange home reading diary. Lots of children have now achieved 75 nights so a very well done!



## Maths

In maths this half term, we will be continuing with our multiplication and division unit. It is essential that children know their times tables up to 12X12. **Thank you for supporting with this.** It has been great to see lots of children regularly engaging with TT Rockstars. Later in the term we will be exploring length and perimeter.



## Science

This half term, we will be learning about states of matter. There will be plenty of exciting practical lessons, including melting and freezing. We will also learn about the water cycle.



## Wider Curriculum



This half term we will have a focus on history and art. In history we will learn about the Anglo Saxons and how hard it was to invade and settle in Britain. In art, we will look at painting and mixed media and how to create light and dark tones. Please can children bring in an apron or an old shirt or tee shirt to cover their uniform whilst painting. Thank you.



# Safer Internet Day

**TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY**

is safer internet day. We will be talking to the children about how to stay safe when using the internet and explaining who they should talk to if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.



# Autumn Achievements



# PE

Year 4 children will have outdoor PE on a **Tuesday** and indoor PE on a **Thursday**.

**Please come to school in your PE kit.**

## PE Kits (reminder)

- Trainers or pumps
- Black or navy joggers, leggings, shorts White, grey or black t-shirt
- Black, navy or grey plain hoodie or jumper (school jumpers are also acceptable).

# Forest School

Year 4 children will have Forest School once each half term.

4C will have Forest School on **Monday 13 January**

4I will have Forest School on **Friday 17 January**



# Uniform

Please can you ensure that all clothing and other possessions are labelled with your child's name and class so that we can prevent items becoming lost. On PE days and on days when your child might attend an after school sports club, please ensure that they are in their PE kit. Thank you.



*Thank you for your continued support.*

*The Year Four Team*