



## Highwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers of children in Year 4,

We hope that you and your family have had a lovely relaxing Easter break.

As we begin our final term, we are all really looking forward to our trip on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to Phasels Wood. We would like to remind you to make all the necessary preparations such as name labels, appropriate clothing etc. to help our overnight stay run smoothly.

For the rest of this term, we have some thrilling topic work planned. The learning will be based around the Anglo Saxons and we will be incorporating this topic into the children's literacy, art and DT learning. Children will find out about the Saxon invasion of Britain and the daily life of the Anglo Saxons. We are hoping to book 'History Off The Page' to come and host an Anglo Saxon day where the children can experience first hand what it was like during this time.

Our class reader this term will be 'The Fib' by George Layton, a book that deals with childhood issues and dilemmas. We will be writing our own dilemma stories this half term and then focusing on writing diary entries from a character's point of view. Please continue to encourage your children to read regularly and from a broad range of texts to allow them to access different styles of writing.

In science, this half term children will be learning all about living creatures and their habitats. After the half term break, we will be moving on to look at 'States of Matter'. We hope the children will enjoy investigating and exploring these topics and develop their skills as scientists in the making.

Year 4 will no longer be going swimming, however we will be continuing with our PE curriculum at school incorporating many outdoor games to enhance coordination skills. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school for both outdoor and indoor lessons.

As the weather improves, please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day. They should also have a hat and sun cream applied on warmer days.

Many thanks,

Miss Nosheen Mazhar, Miss Tiffany Denny, Mrs Libby Warren and Miss Eileen Traynor

