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Dear Parents of children in Silver Birch Class,

I hope you all had a very relaxing summer break.

Welcome to Year 4! This year your child's Class Teacher will be myself, Miss Tatham and the class Teaching Assistants are Mrs O'Boyle, Mrs Gale and Mr Rose. PPA time will be covered by Mrs Bemand, Mrs Knight and Mrs O'Boyle.

Each term we will focus on a different topic in order to link the curriculum with an exciting, engaging and challenging theme. The themes for each term this year will be: The Vicious Vikings, Go with the Flow and Dazzling Dahl. More on each topic will be provided in the topic webs which will be sent home each term. This term's topic web on the Vikings is attached.

In order to make the most of school time, please can you ensure that reading folders are brought into school on a daily basis with your child's reading books and reading records inside. I would be grateful if you could continue to read with your child as often as possible and log the pages read in the reading record book along with any comments you may have. By taking every opportunity to discuss the book, story/pictures and to ask questions as highlighted at the back of each book, it will help your child not only read but fully comprehend the content of what they are reading. This has been proven to greatly improve children's reading and comprehension through the year. Reading will also take place in class on a regular basis with the emphasis on comprehension and recall.

Home learning will be set on a weekly basis to reinforce work carried out in class. The recommended time for home learning is 20 minutes per subject set. There may be occasions for topic work to be set which may take longer if research is involved. This year, I will be setting home learning on Fridays and ask that the books be handed in by Wednesday of the following week. This will enable us to look at your child's work carefully. If you have any concerns or doubts about how the school teaches any areas of the curriculum please feel free to ask.

I am really looking forward to working with this class this year. As you're aware we have an open door policy therefore if you have any concerns please come and see me (afternoons are always best). Alternatively please write in your child's HASP book and I will respond or offer a mutually convenient time to meet.

Kind regards,

Miss Tatham, Mrs O'Boyle, Mrs Gale & Mr Rose
Year 4 Teaching Team

