Year 4 Communication Note

Thursday 5th June 2026	**Topic: Summer 2 – Vicious Viking** **Love to Read and Learn to Read book:** Arthur and the Golden Rope – Joe Todd Stanton

This Week

- ★ In English this week, we began reading our new *Love and Learn to Read* book, *Arthur and the Golden Rope*, which has introduced us to Vikings and Norse mythology. We explored Viking life, as well as some of the gods and legends from this time, and discussed key parts of the story.
- ★ In Science, we started learning about the digestive system. We labelled the main parts, including the mouth, stomach and intestines, and learned about their roles in helping our bodies break down food.
- ★ In Art, we explored Viking artefacts and used observational sketching to draw our favourite examples, focusing on detail and shape. We then practised watercolour techniques, including flat wash, layering and blending, to develop our skills.

Home Learning

Summer 2 Topic Home Learning:
For your topic homework this half term we would like you to design and build your own Viking long ship. Think about the different components needed to make the long ship successful on its long, adventurous and often rough journeys across the ocean. Your homework is due in on Friday 10th July 2026

Weekly Home learning:
Please remember that children are expected to practise: their spellings **at least** 3 times per week, TTRS **at least** 3 times a week and read **at least** 3 times per week. This month we would like to see the children completing **3 soundchecks per week, 3 studio games** and a minimum of **15 minutes on garage.**

Reminders

- ★ Children are expected to come to school with a coat, water bottle and book bag every day. Please ensure your child has everything they need for school and that all items are clearly named.
- ★ If your child has shoulder length hair or longer, please remember that this needs to be tied up as part of our school uniform policy
- ★ Year 4 PE days are on Monday and Tuesday
- ★ Our Library Day is on a Friday.

Dates

- ★ **Tuesday 2nd June - Friday 12th June: MTC 2 week period**
- ★ **Oracy Workshop: Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 2:30 (infant school hall)**
- ★ **Thursday 11th June: Sports Day 13:00 - 15:00**
- ★ **Friday 10th July: Viking day - Please come in dressed up in your best Viking costume.**
- ★ **Friday 10th July: Topic homework due in (Viking long boat)**

★ **Wednesday 22nd July: Last day of school.**

We are updating our English as an Additional Language (EAL) register to make sure our records are accurate and up to date. To help support your child and continue celebrating our multilingual community, we kindly ask you to complete the EAL form - https://forms.office.com/e/i7mswW5yPh

We are looking for volunteers who would like to support our young readers across the school. If you can offer a couple of hours each week, we would love to welcome you as a *Reading Volunteer*. Your role would involve listening to children read, encouraging their love of books, and helping build their confidence as developing readers. No experience is necessary—just a passion for supporting children and a willingness to give your time. If you are interested or would like more information, please let us know. Your support can make a wonderful difference!