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Dear Parent/Carer

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A happy new year to you all and I hope you all had a great holiday. I presume Santa brought you everything you asked for and if he didn't, then why not? Autumn term was very busy and all the children worked extremely hard. All children made a lot of progress and I was extremely proud of them. We enjoyed our sentence work and I was very impressed with the children's understanding of subordination. Brass seems to be going well, but Mr Brown has said that more progress would be made if children could practise a little more at home. Please could you encourage your child to practise as it's a special opportunity that the children are being given.

I'd like to welcome Miss Tonks to our class. She will be working alongside me for the next few weeks as part of her teacher training.

Year Four is gearing up for a very busy term. We have a lot of work to fit in!

Our thematic topic this term is based around 1066 and the Battle of Hastings. We will start off by looking at the actual battle and how it developed. I am looking forward to teaching a history topic and the children seem to be excited to learn about one.

Group reading has now finished but I'm still very grateful to the volunteers who come in and read 1 to 1 with children. The times table work sent home each week plays an important part in developing mental strategies for problem solving so your cooperation is crucial to your child's mathematical development. Please work on tables sent home. Learning your times tables are part of the year 4 curriculum now so it is essential they learn them.

All different styles of writing (journalistic, diary) are taught within literacy topics so we will be touching upon them within the next few weeks. We will also be writing scripts and filming them using Stop Motion. Hopefully, I will be able to upload them onto the website for your viewing pleasure.

As well as the homework sheet, it would be beneficial for every child to read for at least 15 minutes each night. Children who read regularly at home perform better at school.

Many thanks for your support and, as always, please pop in after school if you wish to see me.

Best wishes
Russell Horsfall



BROCKHOLES CE (C) J&I - OVERVIEW OF THEMATIC PLANNING

<p>Literacy / Numeracy Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry - Wartime Newspaper reports- propaganda Adventure stories 	<p>History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How monarchs come to power • The extent of the power of the monarch • Significant turning points in their reign • Family details • Castle comparisons 	<p>Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate European countries and cities.
<p>PHSCE / RE</p> <p>What words of wisdom guide us?</p>	<p>Year: 4 Spring Term 2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Theme : 1066 and beyond</p>	<p>PE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket • Rounders <p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes.
<p>DT / Art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewing uniforms • Rousseau paintings-watercolour • Wartime artists 	<p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classify animals and their habitats. • Teeth and the digestive system. 	<p>Computing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Safety • To research subjects using the internet. • To continue to use loops and repetition of algorithms to make a program.