

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a well-deserved restful summer break. We have enjoyed seeing the children back over the last few days! As you may be aware we run a launch pad at the outset of each term. This term you are invited to our 'Invasion' Launch Pad on Friday 16th September 9-10am.

Curriculum: Our new curriculum topic will be 'Invasions'. In the Invasion project, your child will explore the effects of the Roman withdrawal and the chronology and geography of subsequent invasions. They will study the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in detail, examining their reasons for invading, their settlements and their everyday life. Your child will also look at monasteries and the Anglo-Saxon legacy. They will consider how we know about life in this period and investigate the Sutton Hoo ship burial. They will learn about Athelstan, an Anglo-Saxon king, and what happened after his death, before ending the project by learning about the Norman invasion of 1066.

Swimming: We are aiming for KS2 children to continue with swimming sessions this term. More information will follow shortly.

Y4 (MTC): It is our aim that all children master their times tables by the end of Year 4. We take part in the UK Multiplication Check (MTC) in June, which is a UK Government assessment of children across the country. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is helpful for future success in mathematics. Please support your Y4 child to continue to practice rapid recall of ALL times tables to 12 x 12 on the Doodle times table platform as well as on the TTrockstars sound check platform.

PE: PE kits are required in school from Monday of each week. Our planned PE session will normally (but not always) be on Friday afternoons with a focus on games. Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit of T-shirt, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers/pumps in school at all times.

Reading: Guided reading will take place each week. We will be reading 'The Saga of Eric the Viking' by Terry Jones as our whole class novel. We will work on comprehension skills, 'digging deep' into the text and reading for pleasure. Please continue to read with **and to** your child daily. Your child will be able to change completed reading books when needed as soon as they come into school each day. On-going assessments will be completed and your child will move book colour bands when appropriate.



Supporting your child at Home: Throughout the week, time spent on Doodle Maths, Spelling, English and Times Tables as well as TT Rockstars will support your child in achieving curriculum objectives. In addition, your child will be given times table and any other relevant homework each Friday, to be returned to school on the Monday. To support your child's learning within the half term topic, they will be issued with a homework learning workbook. Please set aside time each week to complete the relevant sections of the homework learning workbook with your child. A homework celebration takes place each Friday, which gives your child a chance to present their homework projects to the class.

Spelling: Due to popular demand, 'Spelling Bee' will continue! Each Friday, your child will take part in our fun 'Spelling Bee' game using the words on the common exception word list. We will work our way through the words in alphabetical order. Your child's spelling folder will contain 10 spellings which are individual to your child. Please be sure to practice these daily to help your child.

Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE)

As part of our RSE curriculum this term, the children will be learning how to help others feel welcome, making our school community a better place, understanding everyone's right to learn, caring about people's feelings and working well with others. The prime focus will be on establishing class rules and expectations as well as agreeing on and signing a class charter.

If you have any questions or would like to contact me, please send a message via the office or catch me at the school gate once the children are dismissed. Here's to an awesome summer term!

Kind regards,

Mrs Diaz and Mrs Goodwin