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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you and your family had a restful Easter break and your children are as excited as I am to start our summer term!

Last term our class attendance was **98.08%**. This is absolutely fantastic! I hope to see this continue this term. Well done!

English

This term in Sapphire, we will be reading 'Two Terrible Vikings' which tells the story of two mischievous, troublesome Vikings! We will be using this story in our English and Topic lessons as a stimulus and inspiration for many activities. We will be using the book for activities such as reading comprehension, poetry, writing to inform, writing to entertain and many drama and speaking and listening activities. We will be using the book alongside many non-fiction texts where the children will be carrying out their own research to create information texts.



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In phonics, children will be learning their sounds and spellings through the Twinkl phonics and spelling programme and will have 30 minute lessons every morning from Tuesday to Friday.



Every Monday morning, children will be tested on their spellings. Spellings have been selected using the statutory spellings expected for your child's age. Please see the list given to your child at the beginning of every half term for each week's spellings. We do encourage parents and carers to support each child as much as possible in learning their spellings. The recommended process for learning spellings is the LOOK, SAY, COVER, WRITE and CHECK. It is more effective to do this little and often, rather than cramming. The marking focus in English will be to mark the children's written work against the learning objective. We will also focus on marking towards your child's grammar, punctuation and spelling. We will continue to keep handwriting as a big focus throughout the school.

Mathematics

Over the course of this term, your child will be learning the following areas of mathematics: time, mass, capacity, temperature and problem solving and efficient methods. In addition, during summer two we will have a consolidation period where we will recap past topics and embed the knowledge and skills taught. We will continue to mark against your child's learning band to reflect the next steps. Your child will be given times tables to learn. They will need to practice saying, chanting and answering questions on these. We will complete a times table activity every Monday.



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Topic



Our class topic will be 'Raid, Invade and Stayed'; we will be studying the history of the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. Topic lessons encompassing art, D-T, geography and history will take place every Monday and Thursday afternoon and there will be many other cross-curricular activities throughout the week to explore this fascinating topic. Our learning will include; designing and creating our own longboats, researching longhouses and constructing our own models, creating our own messages using Viking ruins, the laws and justice system of that time period, designing and creating our own Viking shields and the different kings that ruled.

Computing

In computing, we will be looking at digital photography. We will be using technology to take pictures both outside and inside and using different programmes and tools to edit and enhance these pictures. We will also be looking at internet research and communication. We will be looking at how we make sure the website we use are trustworthy and how to write an email.



Science

In Science, year 3 will be learning about plants during Summer 1 and then forces and magnets during Summer 2. Year 2 will be learning all about everyday materials with Mrs Crowcroft.

P.E

Physical education will be taught every Monday afternoon by myself and Wednesday afternoon with Premier Sports. Our activities this term are athletics (jumping and throwing based), net and wall and striking and fielding. Please ensure your child is prepared to take part in their PE lessons with a full kit suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities. The kit comprises of a white t-shirt or a polo shirt, pumps or trainers, white socks, black shorts and hair fastenings if necessary.



R.E/PSHE

Religious education and PSHE will be taught as discrete units of work. Topics in RE this term will be religious leaders and belonging to a group. Year 2's PSHE topics will be safety first and growing up. Year 3's PSHE topics will be money matters and it's my body.



Music

Music will be taught on a rotational basis every other Thursday. This term we looking at the Charanga unit, 'Friendship Song'. We will also be studying the of Hans Zimmer and 'Earth'. Recorders will be taught to year 3 on Thursdays.



French

Year three children will be taught French on a Thursday. Our topics this term will be 'La Famille', 'Bon Anniversaire', The Hungry Caterpillar and ordering food in a cafe.

As I love to hear what the children have been up to outside of school, there will be show and tell on a Friday afternoon if your child would like to share something special with the rest of the class.

We would also like to inform you that 5-minute episodes of Newsround are sometimes shown in class to give children the chance to hear about relevant and appropriate news stories from around the world.



Over the course of the following term, your child will have the opportunity to earn extra dojos by completing aspects of their learning enrichment at home. Please see the learning enrichment letter for additional information.

I hope that this letter has been useful in providing a little more information about what we will be learning during our new school term. If you have any concerns, comments, questions or just need advice on how best to help your child with their learning at home, please do not hesitate to either phone the office, email the office or message on to SeeSaw and I will respond as soon as possible,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. V Wood

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