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## Welcome back to Summer 1!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school everyone and to Summer 1! I hope you have enjoyed your break and are looking forward to the new half term.

In Class 4, we are looking forward to having lots of fun learning new things and consolidating our learning from last term. This half term our new Cornerstones topic is 'Invasion'. We'll be looking at life in Britain after the withdrawal of the Romans, the impact that they left on the country and where other invading groups, such as the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, came from! Please keep an eye on our section of the school website to find out about all the exciting things we are doing in class.

Just a few notes for your diary:

Homework given out on Mondays and is expected back in school on Fridays. Children's homework can also be uploaded to DB. Spellings are given out on Wednesdays for our spelling tests on Mondays.

Forest School will continue this term within school grounds, but has changed days to a **Tuesday** afternoon. Please could you ensure that your child brings in appropriate footwear and a suitable waterproof coat that they can either bring weekly or leave at school throughout the term.

Finally, PE kits! Please send in a PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school throughout the week. We will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days change each half term depending on available coaches in school.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Edwards



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.

Suggested text [🔗 The Saga of Erik the Viking - Terry Jones](#)

Memorable  
experience The Ruin

Innovate  
challenge Viking hoard

History Roman withdrawal from Britain; Chronology of invasion; Anglo-Saxon invasion; Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, beliefs and customs; Religion; Everyday life in Anglo-Saxon Britain; Viking invasion; Everyday life in Viking Britain; Significant people - King Athelstan; Norman invasion; Legacy

English Anglo-Saxon poetry; Playscripts; Norse myths; Non-chronological reports

Geography Geographical sources