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Welcome back to Autumn 2!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school everyone and to Autumn 2! 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 getting to know our new topics. This half term our new Cornerstones topic is 'Traders and Raiders', where the children will be learning all about The Saxons, The Vikings and the invasions they conducted. 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 is 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.

Swimming will continue again this half term for Class 4 on Thursday mornings! Please ensure that your child comes to school on a Thursday morning with appropriate kit.

Forest School will continue to happen this year for Key Stage 2 children. Please keep an eye out for further information being sent home regarding outdoor wear and dates.

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



Big and strong, powerful and brave, the Saxons wave their battle axes and brandish their swords as they begin to invade Britain's shores. Sail back to the Dark Ages, where battles were rife and fear reigned. Find out about the lives of the Saxons, including how they lived and where they came from. Meet the bloodthirsty Vikings from Scandinavia - never before had such terror swept the land. Make a Saxon sword or a Viking brooch and decorate it with intricate patterns. Choose to be a Saxon or Viking and trade your crafty goods, but let's keep it cool. We don't want a fight breaking out. Are you ready to shine a light on the dangerous and deadly Dark Ages?

Help your child prepare for their project

Watch out - the Saxons and Vikings are invading! Why not visit your local library together to see if there have been any Saxon or Viking invasions in your area? You could also find out more by visiting your local museum to explore Saxon and Viking connections further. Alternatively, read books and watch films together to gain an insight into this period, such as *How to Train Your Dragon*.

Memorable experience	Make sailing boats
Innovate challenge	Trade fair
English	Reports; Myths and legends; Character profiles; Poetry; Historical narratives
History	Anglo-Saxons and Vikings
Art	Patterns and print making; Sketchbooks
Computing	Animation; Images
D&T	Making weapons and jewellery; Models of Anglo-Saxon homes; Clay rune stones
Geography	Using maps; Settlements; Europe
Music	Composing lyrics
PE	Competitive games; Attack and defence games
Science investigations	How did Vikings dye their clothes?