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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Welcome back to the new school year! We are extremely excited to be teaching the Eagles class this year. Miss Jenkins will be teaching Monday - Wednesday and Miss Stephens Thursday- Friday. Mrs Coggins and Mrs Higginson will be in class every day to support us.

Our topic this term is called 'Anglo-Saxons' which has a historical focus. We will learn about where the Anglo-Saxons came from, where they settled and the influence they had on Britain.

Homework

Reading is a daily homework and the Reading diaries are checked every day to ensure that children are reading regularly at home. It is vital that children can access the learning in the classroom so they must be able to feel confident reading new texts and talking about what they are reading. We really need your support for this to help your child and encourage them at home. The Reading diaries are checked every day so please also use them to send any messages.

There are also various online platforms that your children are expected to access regularly such as, Times Tables Rockstars, MyMaths and Espresso. Log-ins will follow over the next week.

Times Tables

We will be encouraging your child's learning of their times tables, alongside regular times tables tests, as it helps build confidence in so many areas of Maths. We would really like these to be practised at home, they need to learn tables forwards, backwards(!) and in mixed up order. The priority this year will be revision of their x2, x5 and x10, up to twelve times each number, then moving on to ensuring confidence in x3, x4 and x8. They will need to be confident with division facts as well as multiplication facts, e.g. $6 \times 4 = 24$, $24 \div 4 = 6$ (How many fours in 24?). We will be introducing Eagles Class to an online website called 'Times Tables Rockstars' which is designed to encourage regular practice of times tables. You will shortly receive a letter to provide you with more information of how this works and how your child can access this at home.

Violins

Violins are **every Monday**. They will start bringing their instruments home shortly so please encourage your child to practise.

Website

Please keep-an-eye on the class page on Ducklington primary school's website for more details on our topics being covered over the term and photos of the children:

<http://ducklington.oxon.sch.uk/>



Children's learning is heightened by having first-hand experience of a concept/activity so if you, or anyone you know, can help the children's learning this term in any way then please do let us know.

If you are concerned about anything and would like to talk to one of us, we are normally free at the end of the school day in the playground, or make an appointment to see either of us.

Kind regards,

Miss Jenkins, Miss Stephens, Mrs Coggins and Mrs Higginson