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Dear Parents and Carers

THE DARK AGES - Saxons

This term in Year 3, we will be learning about everything 'Saxon'.

Our focus on this marauding, invading force who quickly realised the opportunities this country offered, soon became settlers. The Saxons brought with them many different traditions which are still with us today, no clues, though ... that's what we'll be investigating! The breadth of our studies will include:

- Village life
- Crime and punishments
- Religious beliefs
- Conversion to Christianity
- Leaders and rulers and other famous people
- The archaeological discovery at perhaps the most famous Saxon site - Sutton Hoo.

Preparing ourselves for a realistic Saxon mindset, we will be visited by a 'real life' Saxon - Hrothgar! He will spend the day with us, telling stories of great Saxon warriors, sharing his wealth of knowledge about how they lived and worked. Details of his visit have already been sent and I am sure this will be a super day for the children to enjoy.

Finally, in our quest to be Saxon searchers, our class book, '*Freedom for Bron*' by N.S. Blackman, will help make those links between history and English more fascinating.

Other Information

Reading and Times Tables

Now children are back to normal school learning, it is important they also return to their normal routines at home consisting of daily reading. Children should still be reading with an adult as often as possible, as this allows them to discuss words or story line, check correct pronunciation of words and answer comprehension questions. 10 minutes a day would really help with their progression.

We will also introduce Times Tables Rockstars, which will be available for the children to use. This will not only help them with their specific times table knowledge, but will also lend itself to other areas of maths we explore as a class but also further in all of KS2. Their TTRS log ins will be stuck in at the front the children's reading record books. If you would like to try something additional from TTRS please follow the link. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

Violins

Y3 will be starting violin lessons very soon and this will be every Thursday afternoon. There will be the possibility for the children to take the instruments home. However, they will be expected to bring them into school every week, unless they are told otherwise. So please do encourage your child to practice at home. There will be online games later on for them to try, associated with their violin learning. Their violin teacher, Mr Bettle, will give further details.

PE

Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit (named, please) in every day in case our timetable changes. However, our sessions this term are on Monday and Wednesday. P.E. kits will be sent home every Friday afternoon with the children, so they can be washed or changed before coming back into school on the Monday morning.

Term 1 & 2 RSHE Content for Year Three

As we communicated in our Relationships, Health and Sex Education consultation, we will be keeping you regularly informed about content to be taught in the term ahead.

This term, your child will have the following Jigsaw topics:

Term 1	Being Me in My World - setting personal goals, self-identity and worth, positivity in challenges, rules, rights and responsibilities, rewards and consequences, responsible choices, seeing things from others' perspectives
Term 2	Celebrating Difference - families and their differences, family conflict and how to manage it (child-centred), witnessing bullying and how to solve it, recognising how words can be hurtful, giving and receiving compliments

The vocabulary used will be:

Term 1	Welcome Valued Achievements Proud Pleased Personal Goal Praise Acknowledge Affirm Emotions Feelings Nightmare Fears Worries Solutions Support Rights Responsibilities Learning Charter Nightmare Dream Behaviour Rewards Consequences Actions Fairness Choices Co-operate Challenge Group dynamics Team work View point Ideal school Belong
Term 2	Family Loving Caring Safe Connected Difference Special Conflict Solve it together Solutions Resolve Witness Bystander Bullying Gay Unkind Feelings Tell Consequences Hurtful Compliment Unique Difference Similarity

Please see the RHSE curriculum page of our school website for further information.

Communication

Please send any communication to the school office and this will be passed on to the class teacher.

Birthday celebrations

As part of our healthy school approach, we no longer are able to hand out sweets, cakes or gifts to the class from the birthday girl or boy.

Medication

If your child uses an inhaler, please ensure that you bring it to the school office in a named container along with the prescription requirements - please ask the office for a form to complete and sign.

This information will be reviewed and amended whenever needed and we will inform you as soon as possible. If you have any other questions about Year 3, please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope your child enjoys their learning journey this year!

Best wishes

Mr Mahony and Mrs Hawkins