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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school after our short break. I do hope that you had a restful week. We are settling into the new term and are looking forward to our new Learning Journey topic – CONFLICT: Anglo Saxons, Vikings and Celts.

Curriculum Information

Learning Journey topic

Our Learning Journey topic is History-based this term, but we will also follow the theme through in other areas of the curriculum, especially in English. We will look at the historical evidence that gives us information about the past and we will be using dates and terms to place events in chronological order. We will look at the changes that have taken place over time and will investigate some of the social, cultural and religious features of the time that we are studying.

English

In English this term, we will read some texts that link to our Learning Journey. In our reading of fiction, we will be raising questions about the characters' feelings and motives and we will make predictions about the text. We will continue to look at how we plan our writing, looking particularly at how we can organise our ideas into paragraphs. We will continue to develop the skills needed to proof-read our own writing.

Maths

In maths this term, we will have a focus on calculations using all four operations. We will be tackling addition and subtraction initially, then move to multiplication and division, experimenting with mental and written methods, both informal and formal. We will also be solving problems using these skills in context.

Science

In Science, we will be continuing our study of animals including humans. This term, we will look at skeletons and muscles as well as the different types of teeth and their functions.

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P.E.

Our PE sessions this term will focus on gymnastics and invasion games. We will be continuing to develop children's skills and teamwork through the invasion games and Mr Lewis will be teaching Tag Rugby skills. In gymnastics, we will be creating sequences showing a range of movement and skills. Our fixed PE slots are Tuesday and Friday. Please note that we ask that children bring in their PE kit every day to school; in this way we can be as flexible as possible in order to take advantage of any extra PE slots in the timetable.

R.E.

Our RE this term will have a focus on the Christmas story. As always, this will be largely taught during English lessons in a cross-curricular way so that children are still practising skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening while the RE provides the context. Parents and guardians should be aware, as detailed in government legislation, that they have "the right to request that the pupil be excused from all or part of the RE provided. They do not have to provide a reason and the school must comply with their request. It is however the parents' or guardians' responsibility to provide alternative work if the child is withdrawn. Parents and carers must also be aware that RE is cross-curricular and in primary schools it may be taught as part of another subject area for which there is no legal right to withdraw."

Home Learning

Homework supports children's learning and consists of core tasks which are ongoing activities: regular reading with an adult which should be recorded in the Reading Record Book, discussing the content in increasing depth in order to further develop comprehension; spellings – the children have an individual spelling list which is recorded in their yellow Spelling Logs and is updated regularly; children are also encouraged to undertake Maths activities, including regular practice of the 'KIRFs': Key Instant Recall Facts and the multiplication tables. We will give children sheets to support this.

In line with our Home Learning Policy, there will be no homework project this term: it is such a busy term and we hope that children will enjoy all of the activities in the lead-up to Christmas!

Please help us to encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of his or her ability as this will support their learning. If you find that homework is a struggle for your child then please inform us immediately and together we will find ways of overcoming this.

Request

We are always grateful for helpers to come in and listen to the children read or play maths games. If you feel you could spare an hour to do so and you have an up to date 'Alfriston School' Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, your help will be greatly appreciated. Please catch one of us in the playground, give us a call via the school office or arrange an appointment to see us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come and speak to me – it is important that children are happy at school in order to learn to the best of their abilities and I will always try to make time to talk to you. I am generally available after school but if this time of the day isn't possible for you then I can always arrange a more mutually convenient appointment time – just phone the school office to arrange.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Crystal