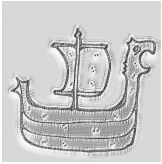


Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back to an exciting, action-packed Summer term. We hope that you all had a super Easter break. It is lovely to hear of all the lovely memories you've been making! The children are already feeling motivated as they hear about our plans for our Summer themes - 'The Victorious Vikings' and 'Victoria Park Project'. Please dig out Anglo-Saxon costumes from the Autumn or have an old pillowcase at the ready to get into Viking role! We will be planning some Viking encounters and drama-filled days of Viking sagas! We will celebrate our learning, in costume in our class assembly on Wednesday 15th June. All welcome.



We are very fortunate to be involved with a fantastic local community park project. The children will have the opportunity to design and help plant a flower bed down at Victoria Park. We will grow caterpillars in the classroom and watch them turn into butterflies, finally releasing them into the park. More details to follow! This project will run throughout the summer term and all English work completed with Miss Mann will link to the project. Very exciting! We also have a whole school trip to Mount Edgcumbe planned in July! This will be for our postponed 'Science Week' and will focus on ecosystems and habitats. So much to look forward to this term!

As usual, please could we remind you to ensure that all of your child's belongings, (PE kit, coat, uniform, bookbag, Viking costume etc) all have clear name labels in. Some names have washed off since September and need re-doing. We really need to minimise the time spent trying to give things back to the correct child. It would also help us enormously if you could send your child back to look for their knitwear at the end of the day if they don't meet you wearing it. This will avoid jammed trays and clogged coat pegs!

Thank you for all of your support with the homework that we send on a weekly basis. We are really proud of the work produced by the majority of the class. Please could we aim for every child to be returning homework tasks and reading books throughout the summer term. It is vital to the children's progress that they continue with their learning at home and share successes with parents. We are particularly keen to ensure that children's handwriting continues to develop. Please encourage your child to develop fluency and high standards when completing tasks. Letters should be on the line and sized consistently. Most children should be able to join writing confidently throughout this term. Please contact us if you require further resources to support this goal. Just a reminder that spellings should be practised over short bursts, each evening or walking to school. Times tables and division facts must be practised weekly to ensure they can move on to the next set. By the end of year 3, children are expected to be confident with all times tables up to and including the 8 times. A minimum of 20 minutes reading should be completed every night. Please encourage them to do this, possibly as part of their bedtime routine, with some reading aloud and discussion as often as possible. As you know, children change their books every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We do understand that children on 'weightier' novels may only read one book a week, but please help us to ensure this happens so that children are reading a range of different and challenging books. We aim to do mental maths tests on Wednesday mornings. Please support your child at home with any misconceptions that they may have. Perhaps try changing the numbers or slightly adapting the questions to help consolidate their understanding.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries, please feel free to pop in any time after school to speak with either one of us and we will endeavour to help. If this is not possible, handwritten notes are really useful for keeping us informed. Please remember to check the school website for regular updates and pictures of events and activities throughout the term.

Kind Regards,
Miss Mann, Mrs Dean, Miss Dann and Mrs Dudley.
(Year 3 Team).