

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a great Easter break and are enjoying the super weather. We have already been making the most of the warmth and been practising our tennis skills! The children have come back full of enthusiasm and are very excited about our new history theme 'Valiant Vikings'. We will be making Viking helmets and shields in school and there will be an assembly to showcase their learning later in the term on **Thursday 30th June**.

Thank you for all of your support with the homework that is sent each week. Keep practising the times tables as the National expectation by the end of Year 4 is for instant recollection up to their 12 times table. Once these are known, they provide a super boost in confidence for the children. There will be the first statutory National Multiplication Tables Check after half-term, whereby the children will need to answer 25 random multiplication questions, within six seconds for each answer.

Furthermore, a minimum of 20 minutes of reading should be completed every night. Please encourage your children to do this. Reading books are changed every Friday and the children will have the opportunity of choosing their own books to take home.

It is essential that the appropriate labelled PE kit and outdoor shoes are worn on our PE days, which will continue to be Monday and Wednesday. With the weather improving, there are plenty of opportunities for more sporting activities. It is also **essential that a labelled school water bottle** is in the classroom and taken home to be washed regularly. It is also a good idea to apply sunscreen, even on cloudier days, as the sun is becoming increasingly strong.

Mr Napier will continue to teach the class every other Thursday and Miss Malein will be working with a variety of children on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any queries, please feel free to pop in any time after school to speak with me. Remember to check the school website for regular updates and pictures of events and activities.

Kind regards,

Mr.Stonebridge and Mrs Eggar