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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! I trust that you all enjoyed the summer and that you, and your child, are excited for the year ahead. I am looking forward to working with you all over the coming year.

This term we will be learning about **The Vikings in Anglo-Saxon Britain** and, where possible, all of your child's learning will be linked to this. Attached to this letter you will find a curriculum map outlining the areas of learning we intend to cover this term. A copy of this document can also be found on our website.

This year, your child's PE lesson will take place on a Wednesday morning. PE kits should come in on a Monday and should be taken home on Friday. Please make sure your child comes to school with the correct, named PE kit for their PE lessons. In addition, the children will have swimming lessons on a Tuesday Morning, for the sessions they require a swimming costume/trunks, a towel, a swimming hat and goggles. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school with them when they arrive as we leave school promptly for our swimming lesson. Swimming lessons are part of the National Curriculum and, children are expected to take part weekly; if for any reason your child is unable to join in the lessons this must be shared in writing.

Homework will be set weekly, on a **Friday**, to be handed in on the following **Monday**. Please can you ensure that your child completes any homework set, to a high standard and that it is handed in on time. Your child may submit work onto Google Classroom or in their homework book. **Spellings** will be set on a Friday for testing the following week. All children have their own login for Google Classroom (the same login details as last year), as well as for Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars. In addition to this your child is also able to complete independent pieces of work based on their home reading. Please support them with this.

It is also strongly recommended that your child reads at home, every evening. Reading for fifteen minutes or more, a book or magazine, this can be independently or with an adult, will really help to enhance their progress here in school.

Dates for your diary: Our first-class **assembly** of the year will take place on **Friday 6th October 2023**. We do hope that you will join us, to hear more about our learning this term. Trips and visits are also being planned; we will be taking part in a fire safety workshop on Wednesday 27th September to ensure we all know how to stay safe. Information on other events will be shared with you as it is arranged.

Thank you in advance for your support. I know that we will have a productive year ahead!

Miss Short

Year Five Class Teacher

