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Dear Parents,

As we head towards the end of the summer term, it is time to start thinking about September and the new school year. With the leaving of one cohort of children and the addition of a new group, the new year will throw up exciting experiences and challenges for us all. I shall be in the classroom from Monday till Thursday lunchtime at which point Mrs Daters will finish off the week.

Our topic for the Autumn term is The Vikings. This will be covered during our topic sessions and through the texts chosen for our literacy. We shall specifically be identifying fact from fiction and creating our own Viking tales. Our maths sessions will focus on the four rules of number. In Science we will find out more about lifecycles of various animals moving on to the human lifecycle.

The first week back is a busy one. We kick off with a science-based week looking at animals and their habitats, providing a chance for lots of hands-on, investigational learning. Some of our year 6 will also be sitting the Kent Selection tests on the 6th September. Also during this week we have a show, by Oliver Naylor from Steps in Time, introducing The Vikings.

Henry will continue to take the class for PE on a Tuesday afternoon and again on a Thursday. Your child needs to have their PE kit in school at all times.

What your child needs – please label all items clearly with your child's name.

| For PE | In the classroom |
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| black shorts white t-shirt tracksuit trousers and top, spare socks trainers – not brightly coloured if possible please | Painting apron (a large old shirt or t shirt is fine) small pencil case pencils a handwriting pen eraser ruler sharpener glue stick colouring pencils water bottle – with sports cap hat/cap |

A meeting with myself has been arranged 5th September for me to share more details of the day to day running of the classroom and the support we require from you to ensure your child gets the most from the upcoming year. After half term you will have the opportunity to visit us and discuss your child's progress and targets. However, should you have any concerns prior to this, then please pop in after school or make an appointment via Mrs Headon in the office.

Enjoy the holidays, keep encouraging reading and practising of times tables as well as completing the British Values tasks set for the summer.

We will see you bright and early on Tuesday 4th September.

Mrs Holmes and Mrs Daters