



Kea Community Primary School

10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. We are writing to welcome you and your child to Year Three and the start of the next stage in their school journey as they enter the world of Key Stage 2.

Our topic, as many of you already know, is *Invaders and Settlers* and already the children are already excited about learning about Viking Raiders! On our move up day, they asked all sorts of interesting questions which we are very much looking forward to answering as the term progresses. Look out on the website for pictures of some very scary looking Vikings!

Our key objective in the early part of the year is to encourage independence in the children. We will talk a lot about taking responsibility for your own learning and how to develop a growth mindset. Of course we will support the children as they get to grips with new routines and expectations and of course, (and this is the big one) the lack of afternoon playtime!

There is, however, a lot for them to look forward to such as a visit from a real Anglo Saxon warrior who will show them how to form a shield wall among other things. There will also be a handling session using artefacts kindly loaned by the Royal Cornwall Museum so the children can get up close to things that are over a thousand years old, and to hear their stories.

We are providing a copy of the half term plan which will give information on what is to be covered in each subject over the next six weeks. You will also be able to see from the homework sent home what we are covering, as this will provide the children with valuable practice which you can help them with at home.

Some children find homework a difficult habit to get into, so please contact us if it causes any issues and we can work on a plan together. Homework is set on a Friday and needs to be in by the following Wednesday, although we are very happy to have it in as soon as it is done. You will find instructions for the homework on the class page on the website (homework tab), and any physical resources the children need will be printed out at school and stuck in their homework exercise book.

If your child is experiencing any problems with the homework, please get in contact so that we can help them in school.

Here are some useful reminders:



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- Monday - PE
- Tuesday – PE
- Wednesday – homework needs to be in
- Children will need to bring a water bottle, snack, reading book and reading record every day. Daily snacks should be a piece of fruit/veg (eg an apple or carrot batons) a plain biscuit (eg rich tea or cracker) or a piece of unprocessed cheese. Unfortunately, fruit will no longer be provided for the children now they are no longer infants. On Fridays, children are allowed to bring a treat such as a bag of crisps or a sweet biscuit.

We are both looking forward to working with you and your children.

Thank you for your support,

Brendan Carey and Clare Green