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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to another school year at St. Andrew's. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and that you have managed to spend some quality time together. It is always a bit of a shock to the system to both children and staff to come back after such a long break!

How have invasions changed us?

Our learning for the first two terms will be focusing on the impact of invasions on Britain. For this, we will be looking closely at the Romans and Anglo-Saxons, and how this time period created a lasting impact on our way of life. We will be thinking about the ways human settlements and movements around the world impacted the human and physical geography of Britain, such as the introduction of roads and trade links between people.

Class text: The Word Collector by Peter H. Reynolds

Our class text this term is 'The Word Collector' by Peter H. Reynolds. This text will allow us to explore rich vocabulary every day and challenge us to try new and exciting words in our writing. This text will also allow us to understand the impact of our words, and how we can use them to inspire each other and spread positivity.

Home Learning and Spelling

Please see the home work grid for details of this term's home learning. Spellings will come home each Thursday for a test the Friday of the following week. A list of statutory spellings for Year 3 and 4 will be sent out. The children need to be able to spell all of these by the end of Year 4 as well as using them in their independent writing. To help them with this, I will choose a selection each term which link as much as possible to our learning in class. We will also look at different spelling patterns which will help children develop strategies for new words.

Reading and Home Support

Reading at home should continue. Your child will have been given a new reading log to start the term. Please remember to tick and initial the recording sheet in your child's reading diary to show when they are reading. Children just need to share these with myself or Mrs Young once they have read 15 times.

Please also help your child to continue to learn/consolidate their times tables. Being able to recall these, at speed, really does help children in maths lessons; it's much easier to make sense of a new concept if you have number facts at your fingertips. There are some provided links to helpful websites listed on the home learning grid.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Watkins

