



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Summer Term 2024 – Longboats and Battle Axes

Years 3 and 4 have another fun-packed term ahead. Our exciting topic for the Summer term is 'Longboats and Battles Axes', all about Saxons and Vikings. We have attached a topic overview so you can see some of the key activities the children will be covering, and their learning journeys this term.



We have arranged for lots of exciting activities to support the work and further engage the children by bringing this topic to life. Further details of our planned Wow Day, our visitors and our trip to Wilderness Woods will follow soon.

If you have any Saxon or Viking objects/artefacts you would be prepared to share with us, we would gratefully appreciate your contributions. Please contact your child's teacher.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



We will continue to come to school in our PE kits on PE days. The exception is on Fridays when Japan and France classes are swimming – on these days regular school uniform needs to be worn. Below is a reminder of the PE days with details of when the last swimming session will take place.

Please ensure the children have the correct PE uniform as well as appropriate footwear for these days. Our PE uniform includes: a coloured house T-shirt, plain navy blue joggers, leggings and/or shorts, white/blue/grey socks (no other colours, please!) and either a plain navy sweatshirt/hoodie or school hoodie. Earrings should be removed for PE and Games or should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. All children will be expected to participate in sessions unless a note/email has been provided by a parent or carer explaining their exclusion.

Until Friday 14th June:

- France Class (Mrs Stringer) Tuesday (PE/Games) & Friday (Swimming)
- Japan Class (Mr Marsh) Monday (PE/Games) & Friday (Swimming)
- Mexico (Miss Underdown) Monday (PE/Games) & Thursday (PE/Games)

From Monday 16th June:

- France Class (Mrs Stringer) Tuesday (PE/Games) & Friday (PE/Games)
- Japan Class (Mr Marsh) Monday (PE/Games) & Tuesday (PE/Games)
- Mexico (Miss Underdown) Monday (PE/Games) & Thursday (PE/Games)



CLASS ASSEMBLIES



This term, **Japan class** will be celebrating their work with family and friends on **Monday 17th June**. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on that day. Assembly starts at 2:45pm.

HOMEWORK

Children will be set weekly Maths homework as well as a fortnightly topic-related activity, taken from the grid. The due dates for the grid homework are displayed on their sheet. It is anticipated that the majority of homework tasks should take **no longer** than 40 minutes and it is fine to stop after this time. We do appreciate your support with your child's work at home.



READING



We would ask that all children do some reading daily. We would also kindly ask that your child's reading record books are completed by an adult at least once a week and handed into their class teacher on a Monday morning. We have had a low participation rate so far this year, with mostly the same children handing in their reading records. Please, please support us with this and get into a routine of reading regularly with your child. Thank you!

SPELLINGS

Every morning, your child accesses a spelling activity to help them learn their weekly words in preparation for their spelling test the following week. We would be grateful if your child could be in school when the gates open at 8:45am in the morning so that they are able to do this.



HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES



As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy life styles, we would like to remind you that your child should be provided with a healthy packed lunch. If your child would like a snack at break time, please can you ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks. **Please do not send your child to school with nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts and sesame seeds** as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items.

WATER BOTTLES AND SUN CREAM

Your child should have a named plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class; these should not be used for squash or fruit juice please. Children are encouraged to fill these up at the start of the day and during break and lunchtimes. Please note that 'Prime Bottles' are **NOT** permitted. During the summer months especially, it is strongly recommended that all children have access to a water bottle. It is advisable to have a sun hat for break/lunchtimes. Sun-cream should be applied before they come into school.



COMMUNICATION

Should you need to get in touch with us, send us an email or talk to us at the end of the day when collecting your child/children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stringer, Miss Underdown and Mr Marsh

