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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Rosen Class! I hope you have all had an incredible summer and that your children are excited about the new academic year. I am absolutely delighted to be starting this journey with your children and getting to know all of you. I look forward to working closely together and celebrating the children's successes.

We are starting the year with our topic 'Invasion', where your child will explore the history of the Anglo-Saxons, including their reasons for invading, their settlements, and everyday life. We will also investigate the Sutton Hoo ship burial, study King Athelstan, and learn about the Norman invasion of 1066.

SCIENCE:

In Science this term, we will explore how sound is created and travels through different mediums to reach our ears. The children will investigate pitch, volume, and how we hear sound, as well as explore methods for muffling sound and measuring sound levels.

R.E.:

This term in R.E., we will explore the big question: *How and why has Christian practice changed over time?* The children will learn how the church has evolved over the years and will be able to discuss some of the key features of church practices throughout history.

HOMEWORK:

Homework will be set every Friday and is expected to be returned by the following Wednesday. Your support in ensuring that your child completes their homework is invaluable as it helps reinforce what they have learned in class and deepens their understanding.

READING:

Our class book for this term is Michael Morpurgo's *Beowulf*, a gripping tale that ties in beautifully with our topic. I encourage all students to read daily, aiming for 15-20 minutes each evening. This regular reading practise not only improves literacy skills but also enhances writing and punctuation.

SPELLING:

We will be working on spellings throughout the week during our lessons. Please look out for the spelling lists that will come home with your child and help them practise for their weekly test (Mondays).

P.E.:

P.E. will take place on Tuesday afternoons with Mr Andrews and Friday afternoons with myself. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their sports kit, ready for these active and fun sessions.

PUNCTUALITY:

Being prepared and on time is crucial for a smooth start to the day. I am already impressed by the children's punctuality and their ability to remember to bring in the correct equipment each day. Let's continue this excellent habit throughout the year.

STATIONERY:

Children are welcome to bring in their own pencil cases and stationery. This can be a great way for them to stay organised and take responsibility for their learning equipment.

SNACK:

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack, such as a piece of fruit, to enjoy during break time. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle that they can easily open and close on their own. Staying hydrated and having a nutritious snack will help them stay focused and energised throughout the day.

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CONTACT:

I am available every day before and after school, so please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns. I am here to support you and your child, and I am committed to making this year as successful and enjoyable as possible. Alternatively, if you would like a meeting with me, please do contact the school office to arrange this.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead with Rosen Class – I cannot wait to see all the wonderful things your children will achieve!

Best regards,

Helen Kelly
Rosen Class Teacher