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Dear Parents/Carers,

The term has started off well with learning about kingfishers last week then beginning our topic about the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Celtic Britons this week. In due course I will send out a topic web for this term but this letter will inform you of key information that the class are aware of, but may not have explained so clearly!

Please can you help your child/ren to remember the following every day:

- Reading Record and reading book
- Water bottle
- Fruit is provided on a daily basis, however a healthy snack can be brought in from home as an alternative
- P.E kit (P.E lessons will be on a Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor) afternoon, however kits can be in school from Monday to Friday)

This half term's Reading Challenge for Kingfisher Class follows different places along the Anglo-Saxon/Viking journey. Children will begin in Norway, then follow the journey of travel to Sweden, Denmark, North Sea, Coast of Britain and Celtic Britain. In order to move to the next destination children will need to complete five reads at home. Therefore it is asked that you please record when you have heard your child read into their Reading Record. Five/ten minutes with a brief comment of 'Read to ...' with initials is enough proof to support their reading, improve their confidence and send them on their reading journey. Please note that until children reach Purple Band, they are encouraged to read each book 2/3 times. The first read involves decoding words then a second and third read allows for understanding and enjoyment of a text to occur.

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Spellings will be given out on a Friday for each year group with the spelling test on the following Thursday. Some of the words will be key words taken from the National Curriculum whilst others will be related to the daily phonic/GPaS\* sessions. Practise every day is important, however different methods can be used to do so. 'Look, say, cover, write and check' is an option along with using flash cards, different colours (paper/pens) and/or creating mnemonics (e.g. o u lucky duck for could, should and would).

Every Friday, Year 1 will be joining Dragonfly Class (Reception), Miss Elvins and Mrs Elcock for an outdoor learning session. They will need their outdoor kit for this. Every few weeks Year 2 and Year 3 will join this session as being outdoors is invaluable to learning and personal development.

This Friday all of Kingfisher Class will join Dragonfly Class as we have noticed a lot of apples that need collecting. These apples will be for sale at the end of school on Friday so please bring money for donations towards our wonderful school.

If you have not had a chance to look already, I have added some learning web links to our Kingfisher Class page on the school website ([www.dorringtonschool.co.uk](http://www.dorringtonschool.co.uk)) along with other information. I will continue to add to this as the class learn about different topics/subjects.

I hope that I have covered most of the key start of term information but if you have any queries then please don't hesitate to ask or to make an appointment with me.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Miss S Lumley

\*GPaS = Grammar, Punctuation and Spellings