Class 3 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back to school! We hope you've all had a wonderful break and that you've had the opportunity to relax and enjoy the summer weather. We're excited to get to know our new Class 3 and can't wait to hear about all the things you've enjoyed doing during the holiday.

Our topic for this half term is –

Welcome to our Kingdom!

Over the course of the term, we'll be learning all about the Anglo-Saxons, their settlements and their kingdoms. We'll investigate evidence found by historians and archaeologists about the everyday lives and beliefs of the people who lived in Britain during this time and find out about famous characters from the past as we try to find the answers to these and other questions:

Who were the Anglo-Saxons and why did they invade Britain?

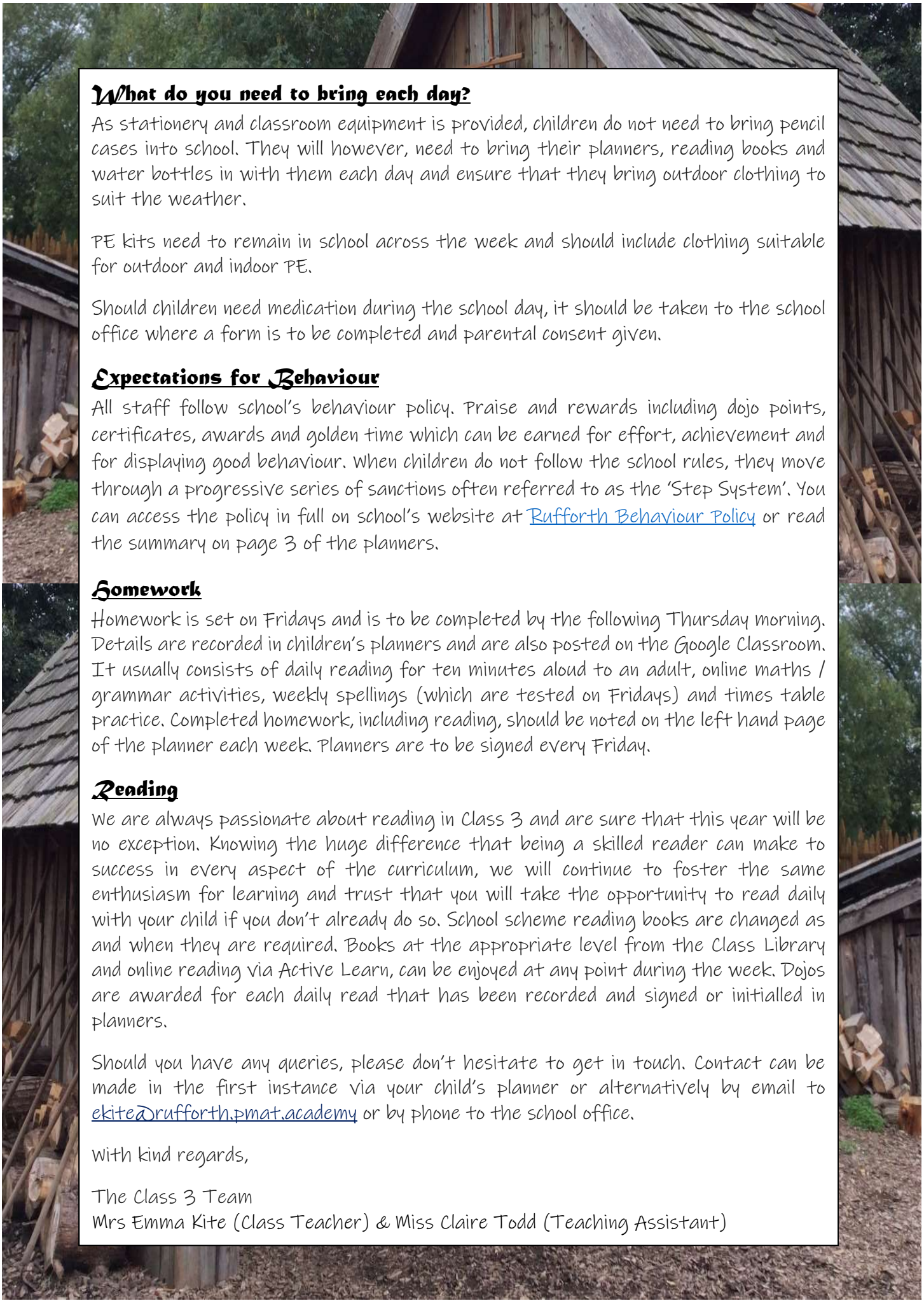
How was everyday life different during Anglo-Saxon times?

What was found at Sutton Hoo in 1939 and what have we learnt from it?

Who was King Alfred and what made him so great?

To enrich history topic work, the children have attended an Anglo-Saxon day at Murton Park and enjoyed a range of cross-curricular activities, including making their own Anglo-Saxon jewellery and designing their own illuminated lettering. Writing activities will be linked to whole class reading texts and will include the story of Beowulf and the tales of King Arthur later in the term. In Science, we'll be learning about healthy lifestyles with a focus on nutrition and eating well which will be complemented by a DT project called the 'Great Bread Bake Off'.

We can't wait to get started!



What do you need to bring each day?

As stationery and classroom equipment is provided, children do not need to bring pencil cases into school. They will however, need to bring their planners, reading books and water bottles in with them each day and ensure that they bring outdoor clothing to suit the weather.

PE kits need to remain in school across the week and should include clothing suitable for outdoor and indoor PE.

Should children need medication during the school day, it should be taken to the school office where a form is to be completed and parental consent given.

Expectations for Behaviour

All staff follow school's behaviour policy. Praise and rewards including dojo points, certificates, awards and golden time which can be earned for effort, achievement and for displaying good behaviour. When children do not follow the school rules, they move through a progressive series of sanctions often referred to as the 'Step System'. You can access the policy in full on school's website at Rufforth Behaviour Policy or read the summary on page 3 of the planners.

Homework

Homework is set on Fridays and is to be completed by the following Thursday morning. Details are recorded in children's planners and are also posted on the Google Classroom. It usually consists of daily reading for ten minutes aloud to an adult, online maths / grammar activities, weekly spellings (which are tested on Fridays) and times table practice. Completed homework, including reading, should be noted on the left hand page of the planner each week. Planners are to be signed every Friday.

Reading

We are always passionate about reading in Class 3 and are sure that this year will be no exception. Knowing the huge difference that being a skilled reader can make to success in every aspect of the curriculum, we will continue to foster the same enthusiasm for learning and trust that you will take the opportunity to read daily with your child if you don't already do so. School scheme reading books are changed as and when they are required. Books at the appropriate level from the Class Library and online reading via Active Learn, can be enjoyed at any point during the week. Dojos are awarded for each daily read that has been recorded and signed or initialled in planners.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Contact can be made in the first instance via your child's planner or alternatively by email to ekite@rufforth.pmat.academy or by phone to the school office.

With kind regards,

The Class 3 Team
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