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Dear Parents

Welcome to the New Year for Little Egret Class! In this letter I would like to give you some information about what we your children will be learning at school this term.

Topic and Science

Our topic focus this term, for Year 1, 2 and 3, is The Vikings. We will be learning about who the Vikings were, what their life was like and what Runes were. We will be linking our art and design to the Vikings and Science by exploring longboats and materials. In Science, we will be exploring different materials and their uses. We will even be making our own paper!

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on Thursday to be returned by the following Wednesday. We would encourage parents to use Mathletics and SpellingShed as much as possible. Children earning over 1000 points on Mathletics in a calendar week are celebrated in assembly and rewarded with stickers and house points. It would be excellent if children could practise counting to 100, forwards and backwards, as often as possible.

Children will regularly be read with in school and it would be ideal if children's books lived in their bags ready for us to write in their reading records. The children are welcome to change their own books when required; parents are welcome to change books too. These books are colour coded and live in the corridor between Tufted Duck and Lapwing classroom. Please aim to read with your child every day and note your reading in the reading diary.

PE

Our PE days until half term will be Thursdays. However, we recommend keeping your child's PE kit in school every day so we can be flexible and respond to changes in the weather or timetabling.

Mystery Reader

We are starting a new initiative at school where a mystery reader will come and read to the children on a Friday afternoon. This reader could be a parent, member of staff or even another child in the class. There will be a list outside the classroom where you can feel free to sign up to be a mystery reader. Please place in brackets whether you would like to read to the whole class or to a small group and please bring a book with you. We are really excited about this initiative!

If you have any questions about your child's learning, do get in touch with us at school. We believe that learning is most effective when it is a partnership between school and home. The children have made a great start to the term and we are looking forward to an exciting school year.

Yours sincerely

Miss Higson