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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This half term our learning question is 'Who were the Anglo-Saxons and how do we know what was important to them?' This learning continues directly from our last History learning journey on 'How did the Romans change Britain?' as we learn why the Romans left Britain before investigating the way of life of the next British settlers: the Angles, the Saxons and the Jutes. This learning journey will inspire our learning in art, English and Design Technology which you can find out more about by going to our Spring 2 Topic Grid.

**PE:** This half term, our PE days are Thursday and Friday. On Thursdays, we will continue with our yoga sessions and on Friday we will continue to take the children to WestGate Leisure Centre for swimming lessons. Please continue to ensure your child is in school on Fridays promptly at 8:45am in order for us to get them on the coach and ready for their lesson. As always, please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times. If your child has their ears pierced and cannot remove their earrings, please supply medical tape for them to cover their earrings during PE lessons.

**Design Technology:** Our DT learning this half term is focused on the skills of following a recipe, adapting a recipe and following a budget. We have decided to do this by baking bread. We will be sending more information nearer the time as we will need to make arrangements for those with dietary requirements.

**Reading reminder:** Please continue to read with your child as frequently as possible and sign their reading diary when you do. A reading mile can be earned from any reading, not just your child's library book. For example, if they read a recipe while baking or read a magazine while in a waiting room: this all counts as reading and can be recorded as a reading mile. The children who have received certificates have been justifiably proud of themselves and we would like all of the children to experience this feeling.

**Times Tables:** With the Year 4 times table check in June, please continue encouraging and supporting your child in learning their times tables. Please continue to use Times Table Rock Stars and any other games that help your child to memorise the times table facts. If you would like any more information about this please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your continued support and encouragement.

Kind regards,  
The Year 4 team