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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term at Brixton St Mary's. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that PE will be as usual, on a Monday afternoon. It is important that all items of clothing, PE kit, coats and school uniform, are named to avoid any lost belongings. PE kits need to be in school from Monday morning and will be sent home on a Friday evening for washing over the weekend.

During this term, those of us in Class 4 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on History 'The Great, the Bold and the Brave'. During this topic, we will research the Ancient Greeks, the Ancient Romans and the Vikings.

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About the Greek city-states of Athens and Sparta
- How people voted in Athens and Sparta
- How the Persian War brought the Greek city-states together
- What the Parthenon can tell us about Athenian life
- How to perform our own Greek play
- About the life Alexander the Great and what he achieved
- Why Rome had a republic and then an emperor
- What daily life was like in Ancient Rome
- What happened when the Romans invaded another country
- Why the Roman Empire decided
- What happened when the Anglo-Saxons invaded and settled in Britain
- About the Viking invasion of Britain
- About the life and legacy of Alfred the Great
- How to use archaeological evidence to find out about the past
- About the history of Britain, from the Roman occupation to the Norman Conquest

In Music, we'll be finding out:

- How to write and perform our own chorus

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- How to make a Roman Shield
- About Ancient Greek and Roman art
- How to create a piece of art in Greek or Roman style

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About the effects of invasion on countries around the world

If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest are most important. If you have any comments or questions about your child's learning or you feel you could contribute to the teaching of the topic in any way, please get in touch.

Kind regards,

Miss C Kinning

