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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: KS2 History Curriculum Day

This half term the children are learning about their history topics. The Diamond Learning Zone are learning about the Ancient Greeks, the Emerald Learning Zone are learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age and the Ruby Learning Zone are learning about the Anglo Saxons. To enhance the children's experiences, we have planned a full curriculum day on **Friday 21st February 2025**. The children will spend the day fully focused on their history topic and we have arranged for the Durham University Outreach Programme to come to school to work with all three classes for the full day.

Children in Ruby will get to look at and hold the objects in their Anglo-Saxon collection. They will use their observation and historical enquiry skills, as well as any prior knowledge to form a theory about the objects. They will dress up like a monk and learn about what it was like to be a monk in Anglo-Saxon times and how they spent their time. They will also get to study an amazing facsimile of the Lindisfarne Gospels and appreciate its incredible beauty, how it was made, who made it and how important it is. Having seen the facsimile of the Lindisfarne Gospels, pupils can try their hand at creating their own Gospel page using a quill pen.

Children in Emerald will get to look at and hold the objects in their Prehistory collection. They will use their observation and historical enquiry skills, as well as any prior knowledge to form a theory about the objects. They will try their hand at osteoarchaeology, or the study of bones from archaeological sites. They will be challenged to assemble their replica skeleton and work out what kind of person they might have been based on what was buried with them. They will also experience how prehistoric people created pottery first by moulding it into shape, before trying their hand at making a coil pot based on Bronze Age 'beaker' pots.

Children in Diamond will learn how to be mini archaeologists, while they are looking at and holding the objects from their Ancient Greek collection. They will use observation and historical enquiry skills, as well as any prior knowledge to form a theory about the objects. They will learn what a votive offering is and what it was used for and then make their own from clay as well as many other exciting activities.

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I'm sure you will agree this sounds like an exciting day for your children. We have decided to hold these sessions in school rather than taking the children out of school to help reduce the costs as the cost of coach travel remains extremely high. This means the price of the curriculum day will be **£5.50** per child. This can be paid directly into Parent Pay via the school trips section. Support is available for families who are experiencing financial difficulties through our Poverty Proofing plan. Please speak to Mrs Green if you need any help.

Yours sincerely
Mrs A Green

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