

January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year, I hope you have been able to enjoy Christmas and that 2022 is a very happy and healthy year for you all.

This term we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and finding out why they invaded Britain and what Anglo-Saxon and Viking life was like. I'm sure you will agree this is a very interesting topic and I hope you will be able to support your child's learning in this area.

#### Snack and water

I would like to remind you that free fruit is not provided to children in KS2 and due to the current climate we are unable to provide a healthy snack option to the children. If you would like your child to have a snack for breaktime, please send your child with a piece of fruit. Additionally, all children should bring a water bottle (filled with water only please) to school which should be kept in the classroom as we are unable to provide cups for drinks during the day. If your child has a packed lunch, this should be **additional** to the drink provided for lunchtime.

#### English

Pupils will be studying different elements of GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling). This will help to raise the level of their writing. The children will be developing their comprehension skills of reading for information during guided reading. They also have access to a wide range of non-fiction books from our class reading corner for quiet reading and independent topic research. Children will develop their use of dictionaries and thesauruses to help extend their vocabulary.

#### English Fiction

Our key text this half term is 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine which is about a very naughty cat who gets up to all kinds of mischief! This is a very funny and light-hearted story which I am sure the children will really enjoy. We shall also be reading some Viking myths which will then use to write our own mythical stories.

#### Non-Fiction

Through our History and Geography work we will be learning about why the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came to Britain. We will use this information to write a newspaper article about invasions during this time.

#### Learning Behaviours

Year 3 is an extremely important year for all children who will be required to maintain high standards of work and effort throughout. To encourage our children to continue developing the right attitude towards learning there are systems in place including rewards and sanctions. We always aim to focus on praising the positive behaviour demonstrated. Our dojo system is an effective method of promoting positive behaviour. We will continue to use the traffic light system to encourage 'green behaviour'. Children who display positive behaviour will remain on green. If inappropriate behaviour is shown, a warning is given. If the child does not make the right choice, their name will be moved to amber. Should the child immediately improve his/her behaviour and follow instructions given by an adult, their name is moved back up to green. Any more serious incidents will result in their name being moved straight to red. Any child who stays on green all week will result in a message sent to parents with the good news.

#### Mathematics

We continue to consider the Maths curriculum in light of the school closures in 2020 and 2021 and have amended our long term plan to allow for extra time to cover missed units and to work on pupils' consolidation of mathematical concepts. This term we will continue to focus on multiplication and division. We will be recapping the 2x and 5x tables and then moving onto the 3x, 4x and 8x tables. We will then be moving on to multiplying and dividing 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. This will then move onto division with remainders. After our work on multiplication and division we will be looking at money, we will be adding and subtracting money. It would be useful if you could recap the value of coins and notes with your child when we move onto this unit of work. As a lot of our work this half term will be based on multiplication and division it would also be beneficial if you could spend some time with your child practising times tables facts. I would recommend ensuring that your child is confident in recalling times tables facts for the 2x, 5x and 10x tables before moving on to any other times tables as these are the ones that are focused on in Year 2. Please remember that your child has a TT Rockstars account which they can access from home to practise their times tables. It is a very fun and engaging website which I know the children enjoy using. Please let me know if your child has forgotten their log-in details and I can provide you with them.

#### Science

Children will be studying a topic called 'Animals, including humans'. This unit of work looks at the different types of food that humans need and the importance of a balanced healthy diet to ensure our bodies get the nutrients they need. We will then explore skeletons in both humans and animals. We shall also investigate the bones in our bodies and look at how our muscles work.

#### History and Geography

These subjects are all tied into our topic. In History we will be exploring the significance of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in Britain and using our geographical skills to locate where these invaders came from and settled. Our focus this half term will be more History based and we will initially be looking at the Anglo Saxons and how life in Britain was very different during this period of history.

#### Art and Design

Again linked to our topic, we will be developing our art and design skills. We will be analysing Viking brooches and then using these to design and make our own brooch using clay. We will also be exploring different sways of making structures to design and make our own Viking longboat with a sail.

#### PSHE

PSHE will continue to form a big part of our curriculum this half term. Our Jigsaw topic this half term is 'Dreams and Goals'.

#### Religious Education

To link with the PSHE Jigsaw programme, we will be following the 'Discovery R.E.' scheme. Each year group will study Christianity and another World Faith throughout the year.

Year 3 will study Christianity and our learning challenge is 'Could Jesus really heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?' We will be exploring some of Jesus' miracles and discuss how Christians believe that these were miracles. We will also be looking at miracles in everyday life.

#### Family Learning Session

Unfortunately due to the current situation and social distancing guidelines we won't be able to offer any family learning sessions, however we will be continually assessing the situation and we hope to invite you into school in the near future.

#### Visits

Due to the ongoing global pandemic and changing guidelines we will not be going on a class visit this half term, however it is my hope that we will be able to arrange a visit relating to our class topic soon.

Miss Cooke and Mrs Robinson

**\* Reminders \***

**PE kits**

Our focus this half term is Yoga where we will be learning different yoga poses and techniques. Children need to bring PE kits to school on Monday, in preparation for their lessons on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. We also ask that PE kits remain in school until Friday and that they are then taken home over the weekend. The correct PE kit of white t-shirt and black shorts is expected along with appropriate footwear. Please be aware that children wearing earrings, or other jewellery, will not be permitted to take part in PE. If your child has his, or her, ears pierced, please make sure earrings are removed for school or that tape/plasters are provided to cover the piercings during the PE lesson.

**School times**

To ensure the safety of our children and to ease congestion we will continue to operate staggered start and home times. The times for Class 5 are as follows:

**8:50**—the class teacher will come out onto the playground to collect Class 5.

**3.05pm**—the class teacher will escort the children out onto the playground where they will be collected.

**Morning session: 8:45am-12:00pm**

**Afternoon session 1:00pm-3:05pm**

We ask that you stick to these times and are prompt when dropping your child off in the morning and when collecting in the afternoon. This is to ensure we do not have too many people in the playground at once and that the entrances to school and the pedestrian walkways aren't blocked. Please wait in the allocated areas in the upper school playground. Please ensure that I am able to see you when you collect your child to ensure your child's safety.

**Homework**

Homework is given out to all children on a Friday and will need to be handed in by the following Wednesday. Creative homework linked to our topic will be set each half term (see separate menu). Spellings will also be given out on Friday for your child to learn ready for a dictation test on the following Thursday.

Please can your child also read at home at least three times a week and make sure they bring their reading record and reading book to school each day as they are checked on a daily basis.

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**Class 5  
Curriculum Newsletter**

**Spring Term One**

**2021-2022  
'Anglo Saxons and Vikings'**



If you need to have a word with your child's teacher please call the school office to arrange a telephone conversation for after school when they will be happy to discuss your questions or concerns.

