

## Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 1 2021

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to everyone in the Year 5. Our Spring Term has certainly started in quite an unusual way, and we are impressed by the manner in which the children have adapted to the live lessons. Thank you for your part in this and thank you to the Parent Reps who have been doing an excellent job of keeping us connected.

The learning content that we aim to cover this half-term is set out below.

**Curriculum overview for this half term (please refer to the topic web for further details)**

<b>Topic: Invasion of the Isles</b>	
We are excited to be starting a new History topic focussing on the Anglo-Saxon arrival in Britain. Our literacy and art will be linked to themes and concepts taken from this topic.	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Main Learning</b>
<b>Literacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Firework-Maker's Daughter - a modern day classic by Philip Pullman.</li><li>• The epic Anglo-Saxon poem Beowulf re-told by Michael Morpurgo.</li><li>• Features of narrative texts, including legends, and poetry.</li><li>• Varying sentence structure, expanded noun phrases and relative clauses.</li><li>• Writing with attention to the reader, with a focus on authorial techniques.</li><li>• Greater emphasis on citing evidence from the text in order to support explanations and opinions.</li></ul> 
<b>Spelling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conjunctions, prepositions, apostrophes for contractions and possession.</li><li>• Year 5 &amp; 6 statutory spelling words.</li></ul>
<b>Maths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multiplication and Division</li><li>• Formal multiplication and division methods</li></ul>
<b>Science</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Forces</b> – Friction, contact and non-contact forces, air and water resistance, pulleys, levers and gears.</li></ul>
<b>Foundation Subjects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>History</b> – Invasion of the Isles, the impact of Anglo-Saxon invaders on the culture and geography of the British Isles.</li><li>• <b>Art</b>- Anglo-Saxon Brooches and Jewelry.</li><li>• <b>RE</b> - People of Faith</li></ul> 

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Music</b> - Anglo-Saxons Scops<br/>-Body Percussion</li></ul> |
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### **Sharing our Learning**

During our live sessions, the children will have a chance to share and celebrate work of which they are proud.

### **Communication**

Whilst we are learning online, communication will run a little differently. If you would like to contact us, then please use one of the following options:

- Email or telephone the school office and your query will be forwarded.
- Use the "Private Comment" section next to your child's piece of work on Google Classroom if it is appropriate that they see your question and our response.

### **Reminders**

The usual reminders of healthy snacks and ties do not apply this half-term! What we would like to remind you about are as follow:

- Please make sure that your child has a pen and paper ready to use for their live lesson, and is sitting in a place where they can write with ease.
- There is always a Google Classroom task to "Turn In" each day by 3.30pm - if you could check that your child has managed to do this, as sometimes they do forget, that would be very helpful; and then after to read and respond to any feedback that they may be given.
- Whilst we love pets, if they could be kept off screen, then that would be gratefully appreciated!

In the meantime, we look forward to the next few weeks of learning before the half-term break. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

**Miss Boyt, Mrs Hampshire, Mrs Adamson and Ms Warrender**