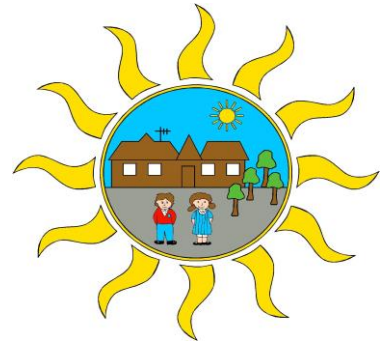


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another term and another, brand new, school year! I hope you've all had a super summer holiday and are all ready for the beginning of a new year at Stedham School. This term's topic is '**Invade and Conquer**' and we will be looking at lots of different things to do with this, such as the Anglo Saxons; the Vikings; settlements; and battles.

## **Maths and English lessons**

Children will be mainly taught in mixed-ability groups for most of their Maths and English lessons. This is to enable the children to learn and support from each other and will hopefully create a good team spirit and work ethic in the classroom. Where possible, some areas within these lessons may be linked to our topic.

In English, we shall be looking mainly at the Anglo-Saxon story of Beowulf- a grand, epic narrative poem about the rise of a warrior and the monsters he battled. While the grammar and punctuation side of this subject will be integrated into every lesson taught, children will have one explicit grammar and punctuation lesson a week to help them understand the technical side of writing. They will also continue to have spellings to take home each Thursday. There will also be one session a week on guided reading, to help the children develop their skills in decoding and comprehending the text. Your continued help to hear the children read at home is still greatly appreciated!

Across the first half of the term in maths, we shall be covering place value, fractions, percentages and decimals and enabling the children to become more fluent with their mental arithmetic. Children will have times tables to learn each week (Mrs Panic is designing a new times-tables activity for this year) and an informal test will be given, to check their times tables knowledge, every Friday. There will also be time (if the weather holds out!) for the children to some outside learning in maths, something that we really enjoyed doing last year and something we felt the children really gained from.



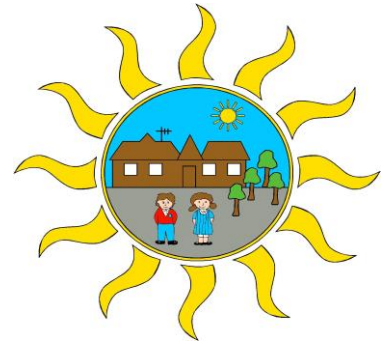
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## **Art/DT**

In Art, we will be looking at making an Anglo-Saxon brooch and replicating the Anglo Saxons' style and art pieces. In DT, we plan to make individual mini cardboard models of a Viking longboat and (if I can get it past 'health and safety') once it's finished, set fire to it to complete a real life Viking burial!

## **Languages (French)**

In French, Foxes will be building on their work from last year and increasing their fluidity and complexity of the French language through speech, reading and writing. You'll be pleased to know that French this year is being left in the very capable hands of Mrs Dreckmann!

## **PE**

Please could you ensure that they have their PE kit in school every day. As usual one lesson a week (Thursday) will be taught by Aspire. This term the children will be taking part in games element of the curriculum- particularly looking at football, which should be really fun!

## **History**

Obviously this topic links heavily with history, so will be spending a lot of our afternoons researching and learning about this area of the curriculum. We will be looking at how the Vikings and Anglo Saxons lived, what wars were fought between them, famous kings and rulers amongst other things! This topic has always been a firm favourite with other classes so hopefully we can carry this on with some really exciting lessons!

## **Geography**

Geography this term will be focussed mainly on settlements. We have already (as I'm sure you've heard!) set up an Anglo-Saxon village in the woods, where the children had to gather resources, build shelters and weapons and keep the village alive by preparing enough food to feed the village – ultimately learning what it took to survive back in Saxon times.

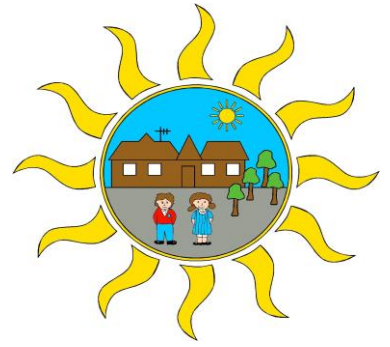


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## Science

Most of the science this term will focus around fossils and archaeology. Again, linking heavily with our topic. We will hopefully get a chance to look at how fossils are made and why scientists find them useful.

## Music

Music this term will be left in the expert hands of our new teacher Mr Cella- the children will continue to learn new vocabulary related to music and will learn to sing in different forms, such as rounds.

As said earlier, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in helping the children learn their times tables, spellings and hearing them read. There will be time every day for the children to quiet read and to change their book if needed-we also plan to continue the reading challenge as this seemed to go down well with the children at the tail end of last year.

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo this year as this will be the main way that we as staff communicate with you! You may have also noticed that we are trying to upload more pictures of the children's work on there, so keep checking!

Well, I think that has covered everything!

*Thank you again for your continued support.*



Mr Noble :)



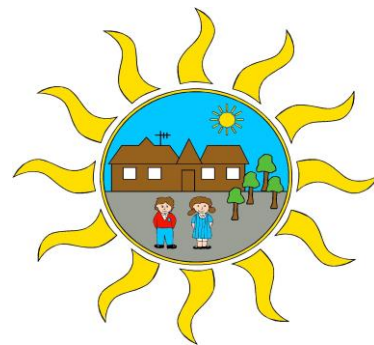
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