



Twineham CofE School



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Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer; we have enjoyed hearing about many exciting things from the children. We are very impressed by the maturity they have shown in Willow Class, which has really enabled us to hit the ground running. Thank you for your support in making this happen.

Our main topic will be the Anglo-Saxons. This term, we are focusing on the Saxons and we are delighted to be using the exciting texts *Beowulf* and *The Hobbit* in our literacy lessons. We are thinking about heroes and heroines and the qualities they display, and exploring the idea of the unsuspecting hero. This could be supported at home by looking at different 'quest' stories and films: myths and legends, King Arthur stories, Harry Potter for example. If you have a copy of *The Hobbit* at home, the children are welcome to bring them in to read from too. We shall be writing in a range of styles and genres over the term.

In history, we shall be exploring what life was like for the Saxons.

In Art, we shall be returning to colour mixing, concentrating on purple (to complement last year's work on greens and browns) before we move on to looking at stained glass windows. If you have any postcards or pictures from your own churches, these would be useful – St Peter's has a great example of a knight that links to our topic. Thank you to Mrs Smith for your continued support in class for these lessons.

Our science topic this term is 'light, shadows and sound'. The children have already asked lots of questions, which we shall be investigating and answering. They are interested to know how our eyes work; what is a reflection; if shadows can be seen in the dark; how instruments make sound; if sound can travel through water.

We shall be making PowerPoint presentations during computing lessons, and these will provide information about the Saxons and the Vikings.



We are redesigning the space in the church in R.E, and making leaflets. We shall also be reflecting on different aspects of Buddhism. Towards the end of the term, we shall look towards Christmas, and prepare for our Christmas production.

Mrs Moss will continue to teach French and Music on a Wednesday afternoon, and the year 5s will begin to learn the recorder (details will follow soon).

P.E remains on a Monday (netball) and Friday (swimming).

Homework will be language based. The purple books will come home on a Wednesday and will contain spelling and grammatical rules for the children to learn or practise. Please can they be returned on Monday. We shall be encouraging the children to give us evidence of each rule in action within their own writing during lesson time.

We are lucky to have Mrs Miller coming in to class on a Thursday afternoon, and she will help with spellings and reading. Thank you to the parents who listened to our readers last year, we all appreciate your time. We would welcome anyone else who would like to volunteer.

As ever, please do see us with any concerns or questions. We have an action-packed term and are really looking forward to working with you r children once more.

With best wishes,

Mrs Bradbury, Mrs Turner, Mrs Moss and Mrs Tucker