



# NEWSLETTER FOR YEAR 5 SEPTEMBER 2019



## Welcome

I hope that you have had a wonderful and restful Summer holiday and are ready to work hard over the next term. Our Autumn newsletter provides details of this term's curriculum activities. This term there will be lots of exciting and engaging learning opportunities, especially during our topic work on the Anglo-Saxons followed by Mexico and the Mayans.

## Sports

**Class 5** P.E will take place on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. We will be developing skills in a range of sports and activities.

A reminder that all children are expected to wear the correct sports/P.E kit in school. This consists of a plain white T-shirt (with no logos), red shorts and black pumps, (please check the size!). P.E kits should remain in school every day and will be sent home half termly. An outdoor sports kit (dark blue or black tracksuit, white T-shirt and trainers) may also be required for cooler days.

Children should also bring a carrier bag for wet trainers/clothes, which will then be sent home.

## Autumn 1: Brutal Battles: The Anglo-Saxon Invasion



## Autumn 2: Mexico and the Mayans



## Homework Information

### Homework timetable (Class 5):

- Spellings will be given out every Thursday for the children to be tested the following Wednesday.
- Children should be practising their times tables, each week they will be given different times tables to focus on.
- Maths homework books. Work given out on a Thursday to be marked the following Thursday.

Pupils are expected to record their own reading in their reading diary but will still need to read to an adult on a regular basis. It is imperative that spelling test books are returned to school each Wednesday.

## Topics

This half term our Topic is 'Brutal Battles'. Our Autumn 2 topic will be Mexico where we shall be studying the Aztecs and the Mayans.

**ENGLISH:** We will be reading 'Beowulf' and creating, describing and writing stories about our own beasts, using a range of stimuli, narratives, images and drama.

**HISTORY:** We will be finding out about the invasion of the Anglo-Saxons and their life in Britain and Mexico in Autumn 2.

**SCIENCE:** We will be focusing on properties and changes of materials. Grouping materials based on their properties and their everyday uses.

**MATHEMATICS:** Maths work will include number and place value, addition and subtraction methods and multiplication and division of different numbers. Within each lesson, children will also be developing their reasoning skills, trying to explain how and why they got their answers using maths.

**GEOGRAPHY:** Looking at key locations locally and where significant events linked to our topic took place.

**ART/DT:** Our art and design work will be linked to our topic. We will be using a range of materials to produce quality art.

**ICT:** We will develop key skills in a range of subjects.

**PSHE:** Rules, personal targets, friendships and other relationships, health and happiness, rights and responsibilities.

**RE:** Our new RE focus will be 'Why do some people believe that God exists?' We will be looking at different religions and non-religious groups and their beliefs.

**FRENCH:** We will be continuing to develop our understanding of the French language and progressing with our written and spoken French.

## Diary dates

9<sup>th</sup> September- Student Council Speeches  
16<sup>th</sup> September - Welcome Service  
3<sup>rd</sup> October - National Poetry Day  
8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October - Parents evening  
17<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Festival  
25<sup>th</sup> October - Break up for Half term  
8<sup>th</sup> November - Start Swimming  
21<sup>st</sup> November Mental Maths Shootout and Open Afternoon  
12<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school theatre visit  
20<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for Christmas

I am really looking forward to my first term with Year 5. It is going to be a fun packed term with lots of hard work and high expectations. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any issues that may arise, or you have any questions.

Yours sincerely  
Hollie Allsopp

