

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is hard to believe that it is Spring term 1 already! This school year is going by so fast. I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break, and let's hope that 2022 will be a better year for us all.

Now, that we have returned to school, we are about to embark on another exciting term.

This newsletter will inform you of our curriculum for this term.

Here is an update on the curriculum for Year 6 during this term:

We will shortly be beginning our new focus question:

What was the impact of Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain?

Our focus questions help us to accumulate knowledge over the course of this academic year to be able to answer our big question: **Do invasions change countries forever?**

During this focus, we will be learning to know the reasons for The Battle of Hastings occurring and to be able to give key facts about this. The children will learn key details surrounding the daily life of an Anglo Saxon. When working historically, we will be looking for the children to use dates and historical terms accurately when describing events and to be able to describe in detail a historical event from the period studied. Additionally, the children will learn where the Anglo-Saxons originally came from and why they came to Britain. We will explore the impact that the Anglo-Saxons have had on our lives today. When working geographically, we will be looking for the children to name and locate some of the countries and cities in the world, identifying their human and physical features. They will use maps, atlases, globes and digital computer mapping to locate countries and describe the features studied.

MRS PORTER

Year 6 Class Newsletter

Spring Term One

Homework Reminder

Homework is important to consolidate the children's learning and also to prepare them for secondary school.

As a reminder, spellings are issued on a Monday and tested on the following Monday.

There will also be one piece of homework, either maths, English or Connections, set every Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.

Reading is checked every Friday to see if the children have read 4 times. The children should continue adding to their Reading for Pleasure scrapbooks to track the details of their book as they read it, adding to it each day as they read more of the story. The journal is for them to track their own reading in a unique and creative manner.

I would appreciate your support and co-operation with this.

Assessments

As you should be aware, the children have previously undertaken the 2018 SATS in Autumn term two as a practice, and to allow us to see how they are progressing. The children should have brought home with them their results, so that you have received an update on your child's progress.

As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, please arrange an appointment to discuss these concerns with me.

SATS Reminder

In Year 6, we will be busy working hard preparing for our SATS tests. In 2022 the KS2 SATs will take place between Monday 9th May 2022 - Thursday 12th May 2022. Over this period pupils will sit 6 different tests, with English normally taking place at the beginning of the week and maths at the end.

Reading for Pleasure

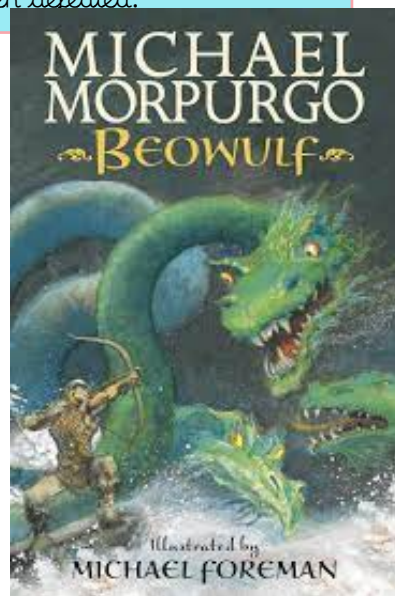
As a school, we are keen to promote a positive reading culture, where we support all children to become confident, keen and capable readers, who have a positive attitude towards learning. In school, we do a number of things to support this, including daily opportunities to listen to the teacher reading the class reading book and also opportunities for the children to 'drop everything and read.'

Additionally, our class reading books for this half-term are going to be *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell and *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo. These books compliment our learning in Connections well.

How to Train Your Dragon is a series of twelve children's books, written by British author Cressida Cowell. The books are set in a fictional Viking world and focus on the experiences of protagonist Hiccup as he overcomes great obstacles on his journey of Becoming a Hero, the Hard Way.

Beowulf is set in pagan Scandinavia in the 6th century.

Beowulf, a hero of the Geats, comes to the aid of Hrothgar, the king of the Danes, whose mead hall in Heorot has been under attack by the monster Grendel. After Beowulf slays him, Grendel's mother attacks the hall and is then defeated.



P.E

Due to the hall being used as a temporary classroom for Year 1, the children will still continue their P.E. lessons, but these will be held outside (dependent on the weather). When the weather is unkind to us, the children will complete their adapted P.E lesson inside the classroom.

On a Wednesday, the children will complete their lesson with our sports coach. They will also have an additional session on a Thursday afternoon with me.

Every child should continue to wear their P.E. kit to school at the appropriate times to participate in these sessions. Please take in to account the temperatures and be dressed suitably for this.

Curriculum update continued:

In art, the children will be using pastels and drawing, to create an image of an Anglo Saxon God. They will recognise knotwork in Anglo Saxon images and understand the significance art had in storytelling, for example the Bayeux Tapestry. The children will understand the importance of symbolism within an image.

When working artistically, the children will consider the use of foreground and background, giving informed opinions. They will practice the skills of blending, colour mixing and sgraffito.