



Autumn 1 2020 Newsletter

Year 6

Welcome back – we hope you all had a safe and relaxing Summer!

– WELCOME –
BACK TO SCHOOL

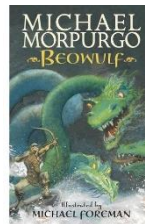
We have been working hard to prepare for a safe return to lessons for all of our students and will be ensuring their wellbeing is at the forefront of all our learning.

We understand that this time of year may be stressful for some parents and children, so if you have any concerns (or good news to share!) please do catch us on the gate or speak to the senior leader at the end of the day, who will pass the message on. Alternatively, you can arrange to speak to us via the school office; we are here to help.

Mr Elliott & Miss Shinn

English

English this term will focus on Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. This is a Norse legend about a Viking Warrior and his adventures. We will be working hard to create our own Myths and Legends and information texts linked to the book. The book links with our curriculum focus for this half term, which involves enquiry about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.



Maths

To begin with, we will be re-capping Year 5 learning, ready to rapidly move into the Year 6 curriculum to ensure all children are confident after their time learning from home. There will be extra support available for any children who need to review some areas they may be less secure in. This term, we will be focusing on all place value, all four operations and the standard methods needed for the SATs as well as properties of 2D and 3D shapes.



P.E. Days

6JE – Thursdays

6ES – Mondays

This half term the children will be developing their netball and tag rugby skills whilst collaborating in team games.

P.E. Kit

Please ensure your child is prepared and arrives at school wearing the correct kit:

- White T-shirt
- Black or navy blue leggings / tracksuit bottoms (Not too long or baggy) / shorts
- Plimsolls / trainers

For information, gym lessons will take place in the school hall, whilst team games sessions will take place in the playground (weather permitting).

Drinking Water

Learning is thirsty work; children must bring in a clearly labelled water bottle to school.

Dates for the Diary:

22nd October – Last day of term

23rd October – INSET

26-30th October – Half Term

Science

The topic for this half term is Evolution and Inheritance. We will begin by looking at physical features and talents children have inherited from their parents and move on to identifying how different species have evolved and adapted to differing habitats, which has allowed them to survive.



Creative Curriculum

As mentioned above, our focus is on Anglo-Saxons and Viking Invasions. We will be researching the areas of the globe that the Vikings came from to invade Britain and why, and then exploring the battles of the British kings from Ethelred the Unready to the Battle of Hastings.



Homework

As a reminder, all children are set weekly homework on Fridays that relates to their completed learning in class. This will consist of one Reading, one Maths and some curriculum-based research. They will also be regularly tested on spellings and times tables. Completed homework should be brought into school by Thursdays.



Times Table Rockstars will continue as a regular feature and we encourage all the children to participate daily in order to reach the most coins earned each week!



Topic homework will be to design and make a shield using research-based knowledge and will be set for over the half term, ready to be displayed in the final week. This is due in on Monday 12th October to be shared with the class.

