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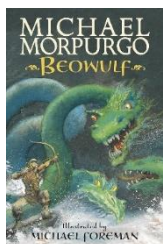


Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 5!

Here is our newsletter for Autumn One: it's a very exciting start to the year!

This half term we are learning all about the Anglo Saxons. We will begin by understanding who the Anglo Saxons were and linking this to our learning on Romans which we did in Year 4. We are going to consider how and why the Anglo Saxons invaded Britain and the impact it had on the country.



We are looking at some very exciting texts in **English**, such as 'Beowulf', which will enable us to gain a further understanding of the life of an Anglo-Saxon character. We will be doing lots of drama and oracy-based work to help us develop a strong understanding of the story and will use this to write a retell of our own.

Some resources you could use to learn more are:

- BBC Bitesize: explore Anglo Saxon history - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm>
- BBC Beowulf clips: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zfbhpg8>

In **maths**, we are going to be working on our knowledge of place value. We will begin the half term by exploring Roman Numerals and will learn them all the way to 1,000. After, we will increase our understanding around number in order to be able to read, write and partition numbers to 1,000,000! The children will love being set the challenge and will be supported through the use of Base 10 and Place Value Counters.

In **DT**, we'll explore how monitoring devices use sensors and digital tools to detect environmental changes. Pupils will design and test prototypes using CAD.



In **Art**, we will be exploring portraits and the children will be using a range of different media to create a self-portrait by the end of the unit.

In **Science**, we will be looking at lots of different forces including gravity, air resistance and levers and pulleys. This will result in the children conducting lots of experiments around the different forces.

Home learning expectations

Please take some time to look at the following table to see what your child should be doing at home to extend their learning:

Activity/Task	Frequency
Reading their book band book	X3 a week
TT Rockstar - Soundcheck	Daily – for 10 minutes
Spelling Shed	Daily - for 5 minutes

You should already have your Spelling Shed and TTRockstars logins, but please let us know if you are having any problems accessing this at home. Please also make sure you are trying your best to read at home: even if it's just two pages each night.

Family Homework Challenge

Can you create your own Anglo-Saxon village at home and include labels? We would love you to bring them into school!

Thank you!

The Year Five team

