

### Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a lovely Easter break.

The children have settled back brilliantly and we are looking forward to another busy half term.

During the coming weeks we will complete our final History topic, exploring Anglo-Saxon Britain; settlements, art and culture, lives of Britons and important Anglo- Saxon kings. The topic will as usual feed into various areas of the curriculum. We hope you all enjoy the learning journey this half term.

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 26th April: Book share. A chance to come into school to look at your child's books between 9.00am and 10.00am

### Homework

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home. This half term we are re-introducing homework for Year 5.

We will again be using a homework grid that includes All About Me and 40 Things tasks, as well as subject-based homework tasks. One of these will be a compulsory weekly Maths task and we will continue with weekly spelling tests. Please continue to encourage your child to read on four separate days each week and to record this in their reading record.

### English

This half term, we begin by reading the Lewis Carroll poem 'Jabberwocky', which we will use as a basis for a range of work including drama, dialogue, newspaper and story-writing. We hope that this really engages the children and allows them to develop further a range of reading and writing skills.



## Holding out for a Hero Anglo-Saxon Britain

### Maths

During this half term, we continue with decimals and percentages looking at the links between them and with fractions from earlier in the year. We then move onto using decimals in calculations. We will build on and extend the skills the children have developed this year into problem solving and reasoning as well as continuing to practise mental maths. In the final week of this half term, we will begin to work on shape and angles. Mrs Burney will also be supporting our Maths work when she is teaching the children on Thursday afternoons.

### Science

This half term our Science work is on materials and their properties. This will involve learning about the properties of different materials and using the appropriate vocabulary to describe them. We shall also be observing different materials to decide whether they show a particular property or not. We will also be carrying out fair tests to see how the properties of materials can be affected by different conditions and to compare properties such as thermal insulation between different materials.

### Art & Design Technology

Our main focus is textiles, designing and making a tunic for an Anglo-Saxon monster-hunter! This will involve sewing skills and we shall also be finding out how Anglo Saxons used natural dyes to add colour to our designs.

### Music

This half term the children will have the opportunity to learn to play a brass instrument. This will be run by Stockport Music Services.

### Computing

The children will design and interrogate their own databases using information they have gathered themselves. We will then use Purple Mash to create our own games. Our e-safety discussions will also continue.

### PE

This half term we will have dance on Mondays, with the outdoor games lesson continuing on Thursdays. Please make sure your child has the correct kit on these days.

### RE and PSHE

In RE we continue our work on Christianity asking the question: If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?