

### Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas break. The children have settled back brilliantly and we are looking forward to another busy half term.

During the coming weeks we will be exploring Anglo-Saxon Britain through the lens of the archaeological dig at Sutton Hoo. The topic will as usual feed into various areas of the curriculum, as well as having a focus on how historians use evidence to find out about and interpret the past. We hope you all enjoy the learning journey this half term and take the opportunity to come and see what we have been doing at the 'Big Mystery' exhibition at the end of the half term.

Mrs Doe and Mrs Vaughan

### 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 will be learning about the structure and features of a non-chronological report. We will learn how to take notes effectively, and to expand them and use them to produce our own report about Anglo-Saxon Britain. Our work on grammar and spellings will continue in weekly lessons. Please note spelling tests this term will be on TUESDAY mornings. Guided reading sessions will continue each day.



## Time Detectives - Anglo-Saxon Britain

### Maths

During this half term, our Maths will cover multiplication, division and fractions. We will learn formal methods for multiplication and division calculations. Work in fractions will focus on equivalence as well as mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Please note, a thorough knowledge of times tables and related division facts is crucial to developing skills in all of these areas, so continued regular practise at home is essential. Your support with this will be of huge benefit to your children!

### RE and PSHE

In RE we will consider the teachings of Jesus and how they are relevant to our lives today. We will use stories from the Bible to start discussions about values.

Our PSHE focus this term is 'Belonging to a community'. Our discussions will focus around allocating resources, protecting the environment and compassion for others. As ever, our GROW values will underpin our thinking.

### Art & Design Technology

Our main focus this half term is clay, developing different skills which we will then use to make an Anglo-Saxon artefact.

### Music

We will listen to and perform songs linked to our topic, exploring rhythm and melody. This will lead to our own compositions using tuned and untuned instruments.

### Computing

The children will learn how computers can be used for 3D modelling using the Purple Mash scheme of work. Our e-safety discussions will also continue.

### PE

This half term we will be swimming at Cheadle baths on Tuesdays each week. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit on these days, as well as a snack for the return journey. Our outdoor games lesson will continue on Thursdays. Please make sure your child has the correct kit on these days, including a warm top for colder days.

### Dates for your diary

Swimming lessons: Start Tuesday 9th January and continue weekly until Easter.

Monday 19th February: residential meeting 5:30—6:00pm in school.