



## Faith Class Newsletter – Term 3 2019

Welcome back to school after the Christmas break.

As always we have lots of interesting learning planned with our topic. During this third term back at school, Faith Class will be exploring the theme of **Anglo Saxons**. The majority of learning will be linked to this theme. **Mrs Baldwin will continue to teach the class on a Wednesday morning with Mrs Pitman-Jones in the afternoon. Our TAs will be Mrs Wilson and Mrs Beresford.**

Our **English** work this term will again be based around our topic. The children will be looking at the story of Beowulf and Anglo Saxon Boy. We will again be covering narrative (story writing), information texts and poetry.

**Our class book to begin with will be ‘Beowulf’ (revised edition for children by Usborne).**

**Spellings will be given out on Fridays and tested on Thursdays.**

In **Science** we will be learning about rocks and soils. We will be thinking about types of rocks and how they are formed. We will even attempt to create our own chocolate rocks! We will also look at erosion and what soil is.

In **music** we will be following the scheme of work called ‘Painting with Sound’ from Music Express. These lessons are designed to help the children think about how different music styles effect our moods.

In **history** we will be looking at the period of time that the Anglo Saxons ruled. We will be thinking about what it was like to live in those times, creating a timeline, exploring Alfred the Great and Sutton Hoo.

**WOW DAY: As part of our Anglo Saxons topic we will have an Anglo Saxon Day on 21<sup>st</sup> January with a special visitor.**

**We will also be planning a trip with Hope class to visit the Corinium museum in Cirencester.**

In **Maths** this term we will be again mainly focusing on number work. This will include addition and subtraction, place value, multiplication and division. We will also be looking at fractions and decimals using the bar model method to help.

We will continue to work using fluency, problem solving, application and misconceptions in our daily maths.

**Times tables challenge will take place weekly on Mondays.**

In **RE** we will be focusing on Buddhism and how we can deal with change.

We will have 2 **PE** sessions per week. We will be aiming to go outside on Tuesday and on Friday we will use our hall time for gymnastics.

Please ensure that you have suitable clothing for outside – trainers, leggings/track suits and warm jumper as we are likely to get wet and muddy.

For gymnastics your child will need a change of T Shirt plus navy shorts.

In **Art** we will be creating Anglo Saxon brooches and weaving.

**Computing** will be taught by Mrs Pitts on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30 – 3.00. She will be focusing on spreadsheets and Excel.

Mrs Pitman-Jones will continue to teach on a Wednesday afternoon. In **PSHE**, the children will be learning about responsibility and Fairtrade. In **French**, they will be following the ‘Salut Sophie’ scheme – this term learning about colours in French.

## How can you help?

### **Reading**

Please encourage your child to read at home as well as regularly returning their home reading book and signed reading record. Encourage your child to read not only stories but also instructions, newspapers, information texts as this exposure will broaden their vocabulary and knowledge of different text structures. At Sutton Benger we ask that your child reads/share a book with an adult 3 times per week. As a busy parent myself I know that can sometimes be difficult, however the benefits of this can really make a difference to a child's progress. **Please remember that your child may be asked to reread a book – this is an important skill as it enables your child to think about themes on a deeper level. Reading is not just about learning the words!**

### **PE Kit**

Please ensure your child has a plain white t shirt, black/navy shorts and daps or trainers in school in order to participate in PE. - this should all be clearly named. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please let us know via a written note. **Your child needs their PE kit to be in school every day in case of timetable changes.**

### **3B4ME**

As a school we have adopted the 3B4ME strategy. The idea behind this is to encourage children to use other strategies before asking an adult for help.

For instance, your child would as a buddy, look in a book (or around class) or use their own brain before coming to check in with an adult.

It would be helpful if you could reinforce this strategy at home if possible.

### **Home learning**

Home learning is an opportunity for you to support your child's learning in school. This helps you to know what they have been learning and spend time with your child reinforcing these skills. Please ensure that your child completes all home learning which includes spellings. I mark home learning on Thursday so would appreciate your child handing it in on time.

<b>Monday</b>	Times tables check up
<b>Tuesday</b>	PE – outside kit needed Mrs Pitts teaching computing pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mrs Baldwin teaching am Mrs Pitman-Jones teaching pm <b>Home learning handed in</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Spelling check up
<b>Friday</b>	Home learning and spellings to be given out Gymnastics – inside PE kit

Here's to another successful term. I am available at the end of most school days to answer any questions or for a more in depth discussion on any concerns you may have.

Mrs Magson