



## Hope class Newsletter - Spring Term 1 2019



Happy New Year! We hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready for a new and exciting term. As always we have lots of interesting learning planned. During this term, Hope Class will be exploring the world of the Anglo Saxons. The majority of learning will be linked to this theme. Our TA's this term will be Mrs Beresford and Mrs Marchant.

Our **English** work this term will be based around our topic and will include writing newspaper reports and using the Anglo-Saxon story of Beowulf to investigate character, setting and events and inspire our own story writing.

**Spellings will be tested on a Thursday and new ones given out on a Friday. Spelling books will continue to come home for you to see your child's spelling tests. Please ensure that they are back in school by the following Wednesday.**

In **Maths** this term we will be developing our skills in:

Counting and comparing  
Addition and subtraction  
Multiplication and division  
Fractions of shapes and numbers  
Investigating angles  
Money

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

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

In **music** we will be listening to the BBC programme based around Anglo Saxon and Viking Saga songs which will help us think about pitch, syncopation, word rhythms, music appreciation and composition skills.

In **art** we will be designing and making Anglo Saxon brooches and making looms to weave. In **DT** we will be designing and making a model Anglo Saxon village.

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 **RE** we will be thinking about miracles that Jesus performed and thinking about how Jesus could have healed people.

In **PE** we will have 2 PE sessions per week, which will be focusing on dynamic balance, coordination and cognitive skills.

In **PSHE**, we will be looking at global citizenship. We will be exploring different learning styles and will learn how to work collaboratively to set and achieve goals through an enterprise activity.

In **French** we will be learning how to talk about where we live and what languages we speak.

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

**We will also be planning a trip with Faith class to visit the Corinium Museum in Cirencester. More information will follow shortly.**

# How can you help?

## Reading

Please encourage your child to read at home - encourage them 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. Your child will be heard in class both individually and in guided reading sessions. In class we will have an author of the week on display for children to investigate and read and we will be asking the children for suggestions for this – be prepared to have an author to share!

## 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. We often do PE outside, so please can you also put in some jogging bottoms or leggings and a fleece just in case. 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.**

Here's to a fun term!

Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Bucksey