

<u> Autumn 2019 - Year 5</u>



Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome back to a new and exciting year at Weston Turville CE School. I hope you all had a very relaxing summer break. I am really looking forward to the term ahead and the exciting new things we will all be learning.

This year we are very lucky to have Mrs Ferris working with us as our classroom assistant and Mrs Gelly will be teaching Class 5 on Tuesdays. She will be teaching an English and a maths lesson and art/DT and computing in the afternoon.

Our topic for the first half term is 'The Angry Anglo-Saxons'. In History we will study who the Saxons were, where they came from, why they invaded and the impact they had. We will use an enquiry approach trying to find evidence to answer historical questions.

Our RE topic will be exploring the role of Sacred Texts in different faiths. In art we will create collages and in computing we will be recording and layering sounds. Science is all about classifying and changing materials with lots of scientific enquiry. The topic web will show how the topics link across the curriculum.

In English we will look at the magic and mystery associated with myths and legends taking Michael Morpurgo's 'Beowulf' and 'Arthur High King of Britain' as our texts. Whole class guided reading will take place each day.

In maths we will still be following the objectives of the national curriculum including plenty of mental maths and multiplication tables practice! Mrs Gelly will be focusing on multiplication tables and written arithmetic in her lessons on Tuesday.

PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays and the children will need their full PE kits on these days. We will be working on hockey skills on Thursdays with Mrs Ellis. In our Friday lesson we shall improve our balance and strength with some yoga.

Homework will be set on a **Friday** and needs to be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Spellings for the week will be set on **Friday** and daily guided spelling sessions will take place during the week to help the children learn the words and meanings. They will then be tested on **Thursday**. Our library day is **Wednesday**.

I hope you find the above information clear. If you have any queries, please feel free to pop in and see me or make an appointment at the office.

Mrs E Hoodless



