



Autumn 2020 - Year 5

Newsletter 1



Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome back to a new and exciting year at Weston Turville CE School. I hope you are all well and managed to have a relaxing summer break. I am really looking forward to the term ahead and the exciting new things we will all be learning. We shall endeavour to keep school as normal as possible for the children but inevitably some things will be different. Already we have realised it is a very long morning for us as our lunch is 12:45 and we have been getting hungry! An extra cereal bar or piece of fruit at break time would help keep hunger at bay so please feel free to include some extra energy food in packed lunch boxes to help your children get through the morning!

This year we are very lucky to have Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Norton and Mrs Ardley working with us as our classroom assistants and Mrs Gelly will be teaching Class 5 on Tuesdays. She will be teaching an English and a maths lesson, art/DT and computing. The timetable will be flexible as we juggle different break times.

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, Anglo-Saxon weaving and clay dragon eyes 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' as our text. Whole class guided reading will take place each day.

In maths we will spend the first half term concentrating on place value and number operations, assessing where the children are and targeting any gaps including plenty of mental maths and multiplication tables practice! Mrs Gelly will be focusing on multiplication tables and written arithmetic in her lesson on Tuesdays. PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays and the children will need to come in to school wearing 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 outside.

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 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**.

I hope you find the above information clear. If you have any queries, please feel free to email or make an appointment at the office. lhoddless@westonturville.bucks.sch.uk

Mrs E Hoodless



RE - Do Muslims need the Qur'an? The importance of Sacred Texts.

PSHE - myself and my relationships - beginning and belonging.

Science - Materials and changes. Solids, liquids, gases, insulators and conductors.
Separating by sieving, filtering and evaporation.
Properties of materials.

Computing/Music - Layering sound.
Radio station using the program audacity.

PE - Invasion games - hockey skills

Yoga

The Angry Anglo-Saxons

Art - Collage inspired by Matisse

Anglo-Saxon weaving clay dragon eyes.

History - Anglo-Saxon invasion, settlement, life-style, Sutton Hoo and law and order.

English
Myths and Legends - Beowulf

Non-fiction texts with a dragon, knight, legendary theme.

French - Classroom instructions, sports and opinions