

West Pennard Church of England Primary School

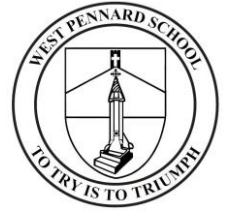


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and were able to spend quality time with your families. Our topic is 'Anglo-Saxons' and through this we will explore a whole range of topic-based learning linked to objectives across the primary subject areas.

English

Our class texts are 'Beowulf' and 'Anglo-Saxon Boy'. Through these texts and links to our topic we will study story writing, instruction writing, diary writing, play scripts and narrative poetry. Every child will continue to be heard to read during Accelerated Reader and Guided Reading sessions.

Maths

Maths this term will cover multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also have regular arithmetic tests to help improve their mental calculation strategies.

Science

Science this term will cover Forces and Properties of materials – involving lots of practical experiments and investigations.

Topic

Our topic work this term will be based on 'Anglo-Saxons'. We will look at different aspects of Anglo-Saxon life and important events such as Viking invasions and battles. We will also be visiting The Museum of Somerset in Taunton, taking part in an Anglo-Saxon day to bring the topic to life and help us understand what life was like locally during Anglo-Saxon times.

Art and D.T.

As part of our work on Anglo-Saxons, our D.T. will focus on designing and creating Anglo-Saxon brooches, linking to our English work on instruction writing. We will also look at Anglo-Saxon art, jewellery and recreate sections of the Bayeux tapestry.

R.E.

In R.E. this term we will explore Judaism and Jewish beliefs about God.

P.E.

Year 5 have P.E. on Thursdays this term as part of enrichment and, for this term, will also incorporate swimming lessons on Friday mornings. PLEASE make sure your child has their FULL PE kit in school at all times and their swimming kit on a Friday. PE is a vital part of the



curriculum and we would hate for the children to miss out if they do not have the correct kit with them.

Homework

Children will receive spellings and Maths homework every week, with an additional piece of SPaG or Topic homework on occasion. Homework will continue to be handed out on a Tuesday and collected in on the following Tuesday. If your child is unsure how to complete their homework, please let me know and I will happily go through it with them during school time. Children are also expected to read at home at least 4 times a week, either to an adult or by themselves. All reading at home should be recorded in their planner, and planners should be signed weekly.

Please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. I am always happy to see parents at a convenient time. Alternatively, please contact me through Class Dojo and I will reply as promptly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Jess Morris