

Autumn Term – 1st half

<p>English</p>	<p>This half term our English topics are Legends of the British Isles and Persuasive writing. The children will write and perform their own oral persuasive presentations, complete classwork based on our novel ‘Beowulf’ by Michael Morpurgo and write their own legend. They will continue to have a weekly guided reading session and discrete spelling, grammar and handwriting sessions. In our spelling and grammar sessions the children will look at words with silent letters, the suffix -ate and the prefix dis-.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>We will be revising and practising the 6,7,8 and 9 times tables.</p> <p>In our maths lessons we will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Place value, including decimals up to 3 decimal places.➤ Written addition and subtraction methods, including solving problems using these calculations.➤ Angles – learning the types of angles, measuring angles in degrees and drawing angles.➤ Measuring and calculating perimeter. <p>Mrs McLean will also do some times tables and arithmetic skills on a Wednesday afternoon.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>Our science topic is ‘material properties’. This unit incorporates many investigations of everyday materials to enable the children to develop their understanding of how to conduct a fair test and make comparisons. We will focus most of our investigations around temperature and thermal insulation.</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>The children will use computers to make decisions about data and decide upon the most appropriate methods for organising, presenting, analysing and interpreting data.</p> <p>An important aspect of our computing curriculum is e-safety. The following websites</p>

	<p>have information to assist you in supporting your child to use the internet safely at home:</p> <p>http://www.saferinternet.org.uk http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk http://www.childnet.co.uk</p> <p>We will have a class focus on e-safety this half term.</p>
P.E	<p>PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday each week. Please ensure your child has their kit in school. We may be in the hall for PE for some lessons, therefore please ensure that your child has their pumps. If your child has pierced ears please ensure they do not wear earrings on these days.</p> <p>On a Thursday the children will do dance with Miss O’Kane. On a Thursday they will have ‘Beyond Sport’ lessons taught by the Lancashire sports coaches.</p>
History	<p>We will be studying Anglo-Saxons. We will learn when and why they came to England, where they settled and how they lived. We will look at the different aspects of an Anglo-Saxon village and look at the artefacts found at Sutton Hoo.</p>
Geography	<p>Mrs McLean will teach geography this half term. Their work will focus on the United Kingdom, developing their knowledge of the human and physical features of the countries within the UK.</p>
Music	<p>The class will learn to play the African (Djembe) drums, as well as glockenspiels and shakers to create a musical ensemble.</p> <p>They will be taught on a Wednesday morning by Mr Fitton.</p>
R.E	<p>We will study how and why Christians read the bible, consider how and why the Bible is used, why it is holy and why there are so many versions. This half term our school worship theme is ‘thankfulness’. We will cover this during our class worship time.</p>
PSHCE	<p>We will discuss new beginnings and friendships during these sessions.</p>
Mandarin	<p>The children will be taught Mandarin for one hour each Tuesday by a language specialist.</p>
Homework	<p>Please continue to support your child at home with their reading and record the pages they have read or when a book has been completed by signing and commenting in the record. Any additional materials that they read can also be</p>

recorded in their reading record, by themselves or an adult.

Spellings will be sent home each Friday and tested the following Friday. Please help your child to practise their spellings regularly, using a method such as 'Look, Cover, Write, Check', and ensure their book is in school on test day.

Please note that weekly spellings will also be posted on our class dojo, in addition to being sent home in the spelling book.

Homework will be given out every week on Friday, and must be completed and returned to school for the following Wednesday.

Mathematics homework each week is set on MyMaths.

Please also support your child by encouraging them to learn and practice their multiplication tables each week.

Log in details for MyMaths and SPAG.com will be stuck into your child's homework book. If there are any problems accessing these websites please let me know.

Please continue to sign your child's homework diary each week and make a comment as this is a useful way of communicating between home and school about your child's learning.