



# Anglo-Saxons vs Vikings



Welcome back to Year 5!

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely, relaxing summer holiday and are now all refreshed for the new academic year!

Our **humanities** topics this term are 'Anglo-Saxons vs Vikings' (**History**) and 'The United Kingdom' (**Geography**).

In History, we will discover what life was like before and following the Viking invasion of Britain. We will investigate the role King Alfred played in unifying England and then how the Battle of Hastings ended the era of Anglo-Saxon and Viking rule in Britain. In Geography, we will be learning about some key geographical features of the UK including counties, towns and cities, hills, mountains, rivers and the coast.

In **Science**, we are basing our learning on the themes of 'Forces' and then 'The Earth, Sun and Moon'. We will learn about gravity; the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces; and learn how some mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater impact. We will describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the Sun in the solar system; the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth; the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies; and use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

## Weekly timetable

### **Monday:**

- Homework given out (spellings, times-tables and an optional task)

### **Thursday:**

- PE
- Homework in
- Spelling test
- Times tables test

### **Friday:**

- PE

*Reading books need to be in school daily. Please can children try to read at home every day, even just for 15 minutes!*

In English and Maths, we will be covering the National Curriculum objectives.

### **English:**

In English, we will be writing through a range of genres, including legends, poetry, recount and persuasion.

### **Maths:**

In Maths, we will cover a range of topics including: mental and written calculations, decimals and fractions, shape and measurement.

## **Other!**

**Art and Design:** *Sculpture and 3D: Interactive installation.* We will learn about the features of installation art and how it can communicate a message. We will explore the work of Cai Guo-Qiang and discover how our life experiences can inspire our art

**Computing:** In Computing this term, we will be learning about computer systems and then media (vector drawing).

**Design and Technology:** Textiles: Stuffed toys. We will design a stuffed toy and make decisions on materials, decorations and attachments (appendages), after learning how to sew a blanket stitch.

**French:** This will cover two topics this term: 'Presenting Myself' and 'My Family'.

**Music:** We will cover a mixture of themes in Music this term such as traditional instruments and improvisation; rock 'n' roll; changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics; and adapting and transposing motifs.

**PE:** In PE on a Thursday, Ms Thorne will teach the children dance and then gymnastics. On a Friday, we are going to be learning football in the first half term and basketball in the second. Please make sure children come to school in their PE kits on those days.

**PSHE:** We will be covering PSHE in a discrete lesson, assemblies and throughout the curriculum.

**RE:** Our RE work will cover a wide range of topics. In Year 5, the focus religions are Christianity and Judaism.