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CLASS NEWSLETTER



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Autumn 1

Core text for English	Beowulf – Michael Morpurgo
English focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immersion in text - making predictions from images and generating questions.• Create a character description.• To write an alternative chapter of the story.• To create a newspaper report based on events.
Grammar focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metaphors• Complex sentences• -ed clauses• Kennings• Adjectives• Synonyms• Antonyms• Pronouns• Clauses• Determiners• Tenses• Relative clauses• Directed/reported speech• Tenses
Maths focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roman numerals• Place value• Addition and subtraction• Multiplication and division
RE focus	<p>Domestic Church: Family Big Question: Who am I?</p> <p>Baptism: Belonging Big Question: Is commitment important?</p>
Faith in Action	<p>MacMillan Coffee morning – Parents are invited to come into school and share tea and cake. Cake bake competition. Cake sale to be held after school.</p> 



CAFOD – Go Green Harvest Festival-children will donate food to give to the food banks in our local community.

Foundation subject topics

Art: The Bayeux Tapestry
PSHE: The UNCRC and Rights Respecting School
History: Anglo-Saxons and Viking struggle for power.
Science: Properties and changes of materials
Computing: Developing an interactive catching game
Music: Folk music
MFL: Presenting myself

PE days (and kit expectations)

Your child's PE day will be on **Tuesday and Friday**. Your child should wear their PE kit to school, with their school jumper on top. The PE kit should consist of a white t-shirt, navy or black bottoms and plimsoles/trainers. The school has to teach the National Curriculum and PE is a vital element of this. Participating regularly in physical activity is important to develop habits for a healthy adult life.

Ways to help at home

Please listen to your child read regularly and discuss the text they are reading. As their books become more complex it is even more important they have the chance to discuss them with an adult. Please sign the reading record book and make a comment. Please encourage your child to learn their 'spelling words,' a few minutes practice each day can make a big difference.

By Summer Year 5 your child is expected to have mastered their times tables but they need regular practice to retain the information. Your child will have their own account and password for 'Times Tables Rockstars'. It is important that they are able to recall number facts at speed to aid them with their daily maths work. If they are not yet confident this is a vital area to work on with them.

Encourage your child to write at home, stories and letters or maybe they could keep a diary. Continue to borrow books of interest from the school and public library to find out all they can on this term's topics. You could also play a range of maths based games, such as Yahtzee or any games that involve using a dice. Discuss the rules and strategies that you use, explaining to your child what you are doing and why.

Key dates

For the full list of dates, please see website – or click [here](#).

Additional information

Homework will be given out on Friday and should be given back to be marked by the following Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.