Year 5 Term 2 Parent Letter

Our topic this term is **'Get off my land!'** Enquiry Question: Invaders? Visitors? Settlers? Or a combination of all? (A study of the Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions of Britain)

English

Using the book 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo, we will produce descriptive writing, with a particular focus on settings within a narrative. We will write newspapers based on the events of Lindisfarne and an explanation text titled 'How to Kill a Monster'. The creation of kennings poems about Vikings and Christmas inspired writing will end the term.

Topic

Humanities:

We will study the **chronology** of the periods of invasion and settlement. This will include evidence gathering from a range of sources, including a study of Sutton Hoo.

We will study how the communities lived, comparing their settlements and considering legacies from each period.

Creative: (DT)

Children will be developing a range of sewing skills and stiches - running, tack, blanket etc.

Key dates:

Salisbury Museum Visit
Friday 6th November 2026

Christmas Carol Concert (St Francis Church)
Tuesday 10th December 2026

Friday 18th December 2026
Final Day of Term 1.15pm FINISH

Maths

Topics for this term include:

- Understanding multiples and factors, square, cube and prime numbers
- Multiplying and dividing by 10,100, 1000
- Understanding fractions, comparing, ordering and converting, adding and subtracting fractions

All of our work will include an emphasis on reasoning and problem-solving activities.
On Monday afternoons, we will have a maths investigation focus on rules and patterns and consolidation of essential times table knowledge with a focus on rapid recall.

RE - This term we will be studying Christianity and learning what Christians believe about Jesus as the Messiah. We will be exploring how Christians put their beliefs about Jesus' incarnation (God becoming human) into practice in different way.

Music – The children will learn a Viking song and then compose their own group pieces following a structure, and using drone, ostinato and improvisation.

Computing - In Computing, children will be developing skills in programming using Scratch. They will design, write and debug programs; solve problems and use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

PE-

On Wednesday afternoons, children will develop their Gymnastics and Dodgeball skills.

French

In MFL, we will be learning vocabulary to talk about our homes (Chez Moi).

PSHE

This term's Jigsaw topic is 'Celebrating Difference', in which we will looking at different world cultures, racism and bullying.

Science

This term we are looking at properties and changing materials. We will investigate a range of materials and classify them.
Using knowledge of their properties, we will develop methods to separate mixtures/solutions and explain changes using correct terminology.

Spellings – we will teach a new spelling rule each week and our emphasis will be on applying the rules and spelling the words correctly in writing.

Homework

Times tables and KIRFs – Practise key maths skills regularly to improve speed and accuracy. Timetables weekly using TT Rockstars.
Reading – Make sure your child is reading at least 5 times a week. We will be checking reading records weekly.