



Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy and Nursery

Autumn Term 1 Newsletter



Asia Class
Year 5



Let Your Light Shine!

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your summer and are looking forward to returning to school.

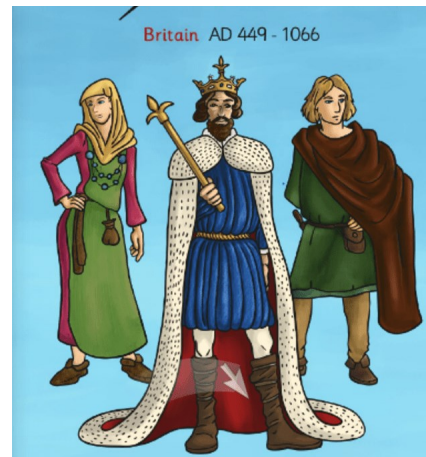
Our value this half term is **courage** which is a great value to start with as we can all feel a little anxious coming back after such a long break. We will be focusing on how to have courage and support others during our collective worships and in class. Hopefully the nice weather will continue for a few more weeks so children will need hats, sun cream and a bottle of water every day.

Any questions please contact the office and I will get back to you as soon as I can!

PE is on Tuesday and Thursday— Please remember to come to school in your kit!

This half term's learning:

This half term's topic is **Anglo-Saxons and Scots!** This means our topic focus this half term will be **History**.



English learning objectives:

This half term we will begin by reading Neil Gaiman's imaginative book 'Fortunately the Milk.' We will be using our creativity whilst learning how to write formal and informal letters. We will then move on to look at the epic saga Beowulf. We will compare the original version and Michael Morpurgo's retelling before writing a version of the story from the perspective of one of the main characters. We will finish by looking at poetry, and in particular kennings.

Maths learning objectives:

In Maths we will be developing our knowledge of place value by comparing, ordering and rounding numbers up to 1 million. We will then revisit addition and subtraction of 4 digit numbers focusing on being efficient and accurate as well as looking at some problem solving. We will finish the half term with some multiplication and division with a particular focus on factors and multiples. We will also continue to practice our arithmetic skills daily looking at a range of efficient methods and strategies.

Other curriculum areas :

This half term we will be starting our new topic about the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. We will look at where they came from, how they lived and what they believed in as well as researching some key figures and settlements. We will also be visiting West Stow to explore a reconstruction of an Anglo-Saxon village as well as handling some original artefacts.

In Science we will be learning about the Solar System. We will be finding out about the planets, exploring day, night and the seasons and investigating how theories have changed over time.

In Computing we will begin by refreshing our knowledge on the important topic of E-safety and looking at different computer systems.

In Art we will be exploring space art and the work of artists Peter Thorpe and Wassily Kandinsky which links in with our Science learning.