



# 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 **respect**.

This is a great value to return with, as we will be doing lots of work this half term on the importance of respecting each other, ourselves and our resources in order to make our classroom a calm, happy learning environment!

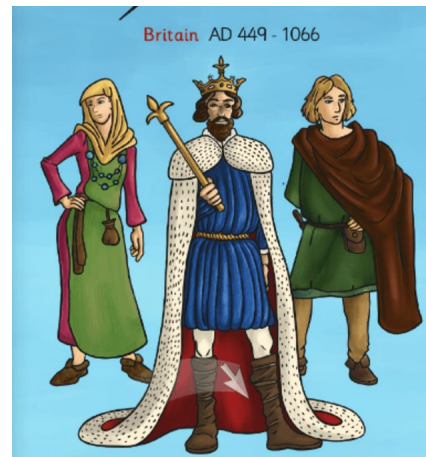
Hopefully the nice weather will continue for a few more weeks so children will need hats, sun cream and a bottle of water every day.

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

**PE is on Wednesday 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 looking 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 then move on to look at poetry, and in particular kennings, before finishing the half term by writing formal and informal letters inspired by a story written by Neil Gaiman.

### 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.

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.