Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy and Nursery
Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Asia Class
Year 5

Let Your Light Shine!

Welcome back! We 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!

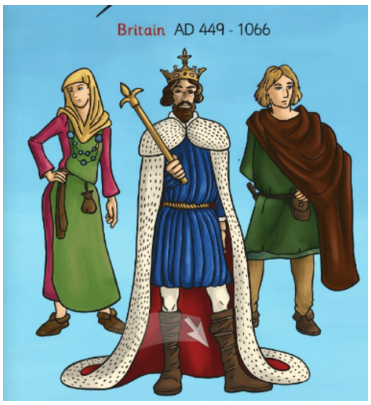
Hopefully, the nice weather will continue for a few more weeks so children will need hats, sun cream and a bottle of water every day. Any questions please contact the office and we will get back to you as soon as we can!

Important:

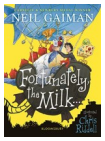
PE is on Tuesdays; remember to come to school in your kit!
We are lucky to start our rotation of forest schools this half term which will be on Thursdays.

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:



In English, we will work on using formal sentence structures when writing letters of complaint to characters in the extremely, humorous adventure story, *'Fortunately The Milk'* by Neil Gaiman.

After some poetry work, we will home our narrative writing skills by studying and producing a modern day retelling of *'Beowulf'* by Michael Morpurgo. Particular focus will be on using dialogue to covey character and advance action.

Math's 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 artist Peter Thorpe which links in with our Science learning.