



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 being back together with your friends.

Our value this half term is **courage**. It is a wonderful value to focus on as we encourage the children to be brave, resilient and willing to try new things; learn from mistakes and support one another in their learning.

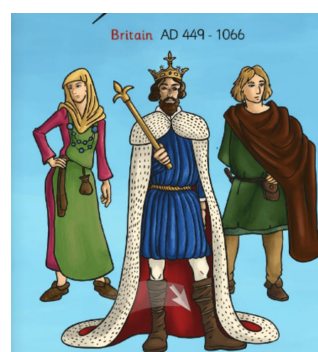
Hopefully, the warm weather will continue for a few more weeks, so children will need a hat, sun cream and a water bottle every day. If you have any questions, please contact the school office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Our PE and Forest School will be confirmed shortly, please look out for emails and listen for instructions from your class teachers.

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**.



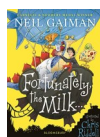
English learning objectives:

In English, we will work on using a variety of sentence structures and developing our repertoire of formal vocabulary 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 hone our narrative writing skills by studying and producing a modern-day retelling of, *'Beowulf'* by Michael Morpurgo. A particular focus will be on using dialogue to convey character and advance the action.



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 the addition and subtraction of four-digit numbers, focusing on being efficient and accurate, as well as solving problems.

We will finish the half term by learning about multiplication and division, with a particular focus on factors and multiples. We will also continue to practise our arithmetic skills daily, using a range of efficient methods and strategies.

Other curriculum areas:

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

In **Science**, we will be learning about the Solar System. We will find out about the planets, explore day and night and investigate how scientific theories have changed over time.

In **Computing**, we will begin by refreshing our knowledge of the important topic of e-safety.

In **Art**, we will be exploring space art and the work of the artist Peter Thorpe, linking this to our scientific learning.



Discussions in **PSHE** will centre around who we can turn to in times of need and how to manage friendships positively and respectfully.