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Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

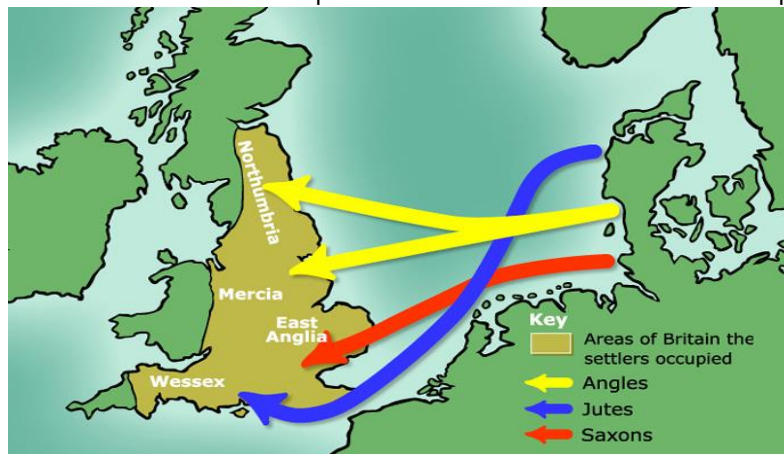
September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward to Autumn Term 1 in Year 5. Our curriculum theme will be **Invaders**.

MAIN LEARNING THEME

This theme will focus on Anglo Saxons and will cover historic discovery and geographical exploration, as well as the impact upon human settlement and the implications of survival. We hope to give your children an example of what 'invasion' means with a 'simulated' example within our school to launch our topic.



The main learning areas are history and geography, but we will be considering many other aspects within this genre, which will impact positively upon our writing across the curriculum.

Key vocabulary

Invaders, settlement, civilisation, continent, archaeology, shield, primary sources, secondary sources, excavate, reconstruction, protect.

PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT

We would like to invite you to join us in a classroom based activity on **Thursday 22nd October 2015** at 2.40-3.15pm to celebrate what we have learnt in this topic. We will be providing light refreshments. Please sign in at the front office on arrival.

MATHS

These are our topics for this half term:

- **Place value to 1,000,000**
- **Roman numerals**
- **Addition and subtraction**
- **Perimeter, area and volume**
- **Fractions and proportion**
- **Multiplying and dividing**

Children need to continue to learn their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 as this will help them with their mathematical workings. Regular tables practice is included in weekly homework tasks.

ENGLISH

In Literacy and Language, we will be looking at the genre of Myths. We will be linking our topic work with this genre and promoting imaginative writing within historic recounts, story writing and newspaper reports.

Supporting books:

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan

Heroes of Olympus – Rick Riordan

Persephone – Sally Pomme-Clayton

Pandora – Robert Burleigh

Pandora's Box – Rose Impey

Children should continue to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks.

PE

PE will be covered in two one-hour sessions each week. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school with them all week. Please send this kit in with your child on Monday and take home on Friday of each week to be washed. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Stud earrings (only) are allowed in school, which will have to be removed by the child, or covered with a plaster (provided by home). Please ensure that your child has a clean PE kit each week. Trainers are essential for outdoor PE.

HOME LEARNING

Your child will receive a Maths and an English homework task each week. The homework will be given out on Wednesday after school, to be returned the following week on Wednesday morning.

In addition to this, your child can choose to undertake a half-term home learning 'POWER project', which could be the focus of their homework for the beginning of the term. Ideas of what this could cover are the study of a particular sport or recreational activity that you or your family enjoy. Activities should include opportunities to:

- **Develop creativity**
- **Explore mathematical skills**
- **Extend research skills**
- **Explore the locality**

READING

Please continue to read with your child at home. Each week, they will be given 1 or 2 reading books which they can share with you at home and will be changed weekly. Year 5 have the opportunity to visit the library and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library. In addition, if your child has a school kindle, different titles (of their own choosing) will be uploaded regularly.

BREAK TIME SNACK

A piece of fruit for break time snack is appropriate. Please remember that we encourage healthy eating. We must also remind you that we are a nut free school. Do not send your child to school with any food item containing nuts.

SCHOOL MEALS

A hot school meal is available each day. Please ensure that this is paid for in advance using our ParentPay system.

END OF THE DAY

Please feel free to use this time to talk to us about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

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Teaching Assistant

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