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Dear Parents/Carers

Dust off your shields and sharpen your curiosity! This term, Year 5 is embarking on an epic journey back to an age of raiders, traders, and legendary heroes. Our new theme, 'Anglo-Saxon and Viking Invasion', is going to be an action-packed exploration of the people who shaped the very land we walk on today.

Here is a sneak peek at the incredible journey ahead.

Before we storm the beaches, we must find them! Using digital mapping, globes, and atlases in geography, our young explorers will:

Navigate Northern Europe: Locate major cities, towering mountains, and winding rivers.

Analyse the Elements: Understand how climate and global position (from the Equator to the Northern Hemisphere) influenced where these warriors chose to settle.

History will come to life as we dive deep into the heart of the invasion.

- Village Life: We'll step into the shoes of an Anglo-Saxon, discovering why they came to England and how they built their kingdoms.
- The Viking Raid: We'll compare the settlers to the fierce Viking raiders, using real historical sources to separate fact from fiction.
- Now Press Play: A high-energy, immersive audio experience will transport the children directly into the middle of the action!

In English, we are reading the ultimate classic: Michael Morpurgo's *Beowulf*. Inspired by this tale of monsters and bravery, the children will be crafting their own 'overcoming evil' narratives. Expect some truly gripping storytelling! We recommend that the children engage in a variety of books linking to the theme. Popular titles include: *Indiana Jones* by Harry Heape, *Momo Arashima Steals the Sword of the Wind* by Misa Sugiura and *Amulet (Book One – The Stonekeeper)* by Kazu Kibuishi (this is in our school library!)

In maths we will continue our work in decimals and percentages before starting on perimeter and area plus statistics.

In music, we will play and perform the Ukele as well as listening to a range of different pieces of music and to develop an understanding of the history of music.

In RE, our new topic will focus on the question, "Should we forgive others?" In PSHE, we will be finishing off our topic, Keeping Myself Safe and then looking at Rights and Responsibilities. We will be thinking about Managing Online Information in our online safety lessons alongside our computing lessons focusing on coding.



Our spoken language lessons will focus on articulating and justifying answers, arguments and opinions and to well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings (language of opinion and language of description, explanation, retelling).

In PE will continue playing and competing in competitive net games such as badminton and tennis, after familiarising ourselves with different equipment, different shots (forehand, backhand) and terminology. Additionally, the boys will go swimming whilst the girls will enjoy gymnastics to develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.

French lessons will start for the girls after the half-term holiday.

Other highlights include a visit to St Margaret's Church for an interactive version of the Easter Story. Additionally, we will have a go orienteering, participate in an Easter egg hunt and spend time in our edible garden.

We have our book fair in the school hall on Thursday 26th February and World Book Day is on 5th March 2026.

Helping at home:

As well as ensuring that your child completes their weekly homework, you could:

- Access TT Rocks at home to help your child with their multiplication tables.
- Use Purple Mash online, it has some great activities to help with all areas of the curriculum in addition, your child can select a range of books via Serial Mash which has age-appropriate comprehension questions – ask us for more details!
- Look at the school Blue Sky page for weekly Talk at Home questions.
- Read 'overcoming evil' style stories with your children.
- Find out about Michael Murpurgo
- Explore the following websites
- [KS2 English: Beowulf - BBC Teach](#)
- [Vikings - KS2 History - BBC Bitesize](#)
- [Anglo-Saxons - KS2 History - BBC Bitesize](#)
- [Percentages](#)

Don't forget to let us know if you have a go at any of these activities or any other extra work.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please call in to see us.

Mrs Young and Mr Sajid

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