

Invaders: A wulf at the door

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6. We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break. This term, our topic will focus on invaders and settlers, with specific reference to the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in Britain. During our topic, we will: look at the chronology of settlement in Britain from the end of the Roman period through to the onset of the Norman invasion; explore who the Viking and Anglo-Saxon invaders were and why they chose to invade Britain; understand the legacy of Saxon and Viking settlement in Britain, eg. in terms of our language and place names.

Much of our English will cover reading comprehension and SPaG skills, including conducting research into various aspects of Anglo-Saxon and Viking life. The children will also have the opportunity to explore the tale of Beowulf and Grendel, retelling it from a different perspective.

Our maths this term will see a great deal of consolidation of skills taking place as we revisit key concepts from throughout the year. Our Art will include looking at the history of illuminated letters and creating our own designs, as well as making a clay slab pottery figure. Our Science look at sound while in RE, we will look at the impact of Pentecost when Jesus left

PSHEE will address how we deal with changes in our lives.



Independence

In line with our whole school focus on independence, we will be expecting the children to bring their signed key words books in each Wednesday. We will also have regular independent reading sessions so the children need to bring in their reading books **daily**. We would be grateful if you could support this by:-

- Reminding your child to bring his/her spelling booklet home before each weekend.
- Reminding your child to regularly read and change their book at school, ideally experimenting with a range of different styles and genres.
- remind children to practise their times tables regularly.

Snacks

You may like your child to have a mid morning snack. At Christ Church School, we firmly believe that having a balance and variety of foods and drinks in the diet is important for good health. We therefore welcome "healthy snacks" such as fruit and vegetables and would encourage you not to send your child with snacks that are high in salt, fat or sugar such as chocolate and crisps.

PE

PE will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Please check your child has shorts and a T-shirt (and maybe a hat) for warmer weather and that their trainers still fit them. Please do also help them to ensure they always have the appropriate kit in school.

Future dates

18th June – Track races

20th June– INSET (school closed)

22nd June – Sports Day

29th June – 4HR Collective Worship

3 – 4th July - Parents Consultation Evenings

5th July – Taster Day

25th July – End of Year

As always, if you have any questions or concerns then please do get in touch. We hope everyone has a lovely last term!

Mr Hardwick and Mrs Rutt