



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 5 Newsletter

### Autumn 2

For this half term, Year 5 will be focusing on history and trying to answer the question, "**What was life like in Anglo-Saxon Britain?**" Throughout the topic, we will be learning where the Anglo-Saxons came from, why they came to Britain, what life was like in Anglo-Saxon Britain and some key figures from Anglo-Saxon history including Alfred the Great.

#### English

This term, Year 5 will be looking at **Beowulf**, which links to our history topic. Our focus this term will be writing a diary and further developing our narrative writing skills.



#### Reading

All children are expected to read **5 times a week** at home. Their reading diary should be **signed by an adult** and a note of which pages have been read. It is very important that children develop their reading skills as it helps them with **spelling and vocabulary** and opens a whole new world of books they can enjoy! If your child forgets their reading book, please choose another book you have at home such as a comic, recipe book or magazine – all reading counts!

#### Science

Our science topic for this half term is "**Do all living things start life as an egg?**" In this unit, we will be looking at different animal groups such as mammals, reptiles and birds and the differences between them. We will also look at how flowering plants reproduce as well as comparing different life cycles

#### Maths

We will begin the term by looking at **division** including using a written method and then exploring word problems using multiplication and division.

Following this, we will investigate **graphs** and how to interpret data.

#### P.E.

PE will take place on a **Thursday morning**. On this day, children may come to school in PE kit, which is: **plain white t-shirt** (no football shirts or designs), **black shorts or jogging trousers** (no leggings for girls) and suitable **trainers**.