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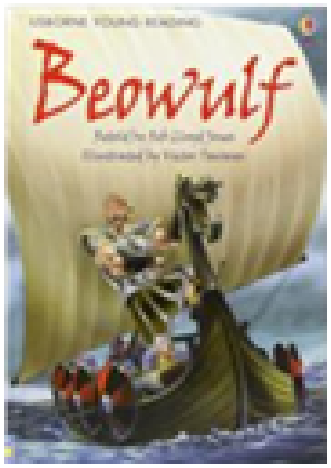
Year 5 Newsletter

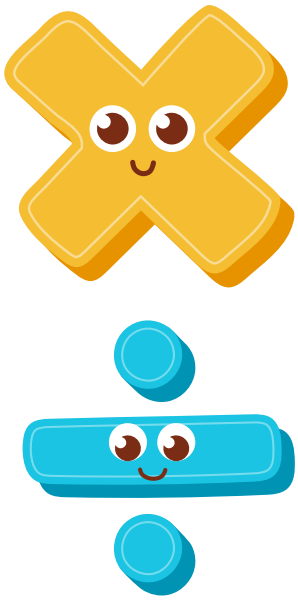
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This half term, Year 5 will be exploring history through the key question, "What was life like in Anglo-Saxon Britain?" During the topic, we will discover where the Anglo-Saxons originated and what brought them to Britain, explore what everyday life was like during this period and learn about significant individuals from Anglo-Saxon history, including Alfred the Great.

ENGLISH

This half term, Year 5 will be exploring the epic Anglo-Saxon tale of Beowulf, linking our English learning to our history topic. We will be developing our diary and narrative writing skills, focusing on how authors use descriptive language and dialogue to bring characters to life and move a story forward. We will also explore how to build tension, create engaging settings and structure our writing to capture the reader's interest





MATHS

We will begin this half term by focusing on multiplication and division, using the formal method of long multiplication to multiply large numbers and consolidating the short method of division for larger number.

For the remainder of the term, we will focus on graphs and data collection, looking at how line graphs are used to share and compare data.

READING & HOMEWORK

As we continue to use our new Accelerated Reader Scheme, the children still need to be reading at least 5 times a week at home. Once the children have finished their book, they will complete a short quiz to assess their progress before moving on or consolidating their skills further. Homework will be sent home each Friday and should be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support!

SCIENCE

This half term, our science learning will focus on the question, “Do all living things start life as an egg?” We will explore a range of animal groups, including mammals, reptiles and birds, identifying their similarities and differences. We will also investigate how flowering plants reproduce and compare the life cycles of different plants and animals, developing our understanding of how living things grow and change.



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PE

PE will take place each Monday for 5K and Friday for 5A. On this day, children must come to school in PE kit: plain white t-shirt (no football shirts or designs), black shorts or jogging trousers and suitable plain black or white trainers.