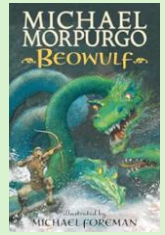
Class 5/6 Autumn 2 Newsletter

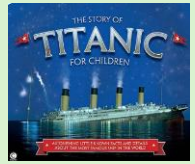
After a busy first Autumn term, we hope you all had a wonderful and restful holiday. We are looking forward to an exciting term filled with learning, creativity and lots of enrichment opportunities. We are looking forward to seeing the children continue to make progress. We will continue to celebrate children who demonstrate positive **relationships**, develop their **resilience**, display a sense of **responsibility** and show **respect** to others.

English Writing Topic- Beowulf by Micheal Morpurgo (Fantasy)
During this term, the children will be building up the skills to write a further adventure for Beowulf. They will develop their use of expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely. Use descriptive language to describe settings, characters and atmosphere. They will integrate dialogue to convey character and advance action. We will continue to use standard punctuation consistently and focus on the use on inverted commas to punctuate direct speech.



Reading Topic- The story of Titanic for children by Joe Fullman .
We will continue to increase our confidence and fluency in reading aloud and participate in group discussions. We will explore this non-fiction text and it use of fact boxes, illustrations, photos and scrapbook style to engage the reader. They will develop subject-specific knowledge and discuss other historical events from that time.

Useful websites
What is an expanded noun phrase? - KS2 English - BBC Bitesize
Inverted commas - Punctuation: Video playlist - BBC Bitesize Additionally, revise other types of punctuation by looking at the other available
Crystal Explorers - KS2 English game - BBC Bitesize This is a nice game for children to work on grammar, punctuation and spelling.



Maths Topic this term include-

Fractions -This unit focuses on how to calculate equivalent fractions, convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions, compare and order fractions less than 1 , add and subtract fractions including mixed numbers.

Multiplication and Division- In this unit we will learning to solve long multiplication up to 4 digit x 2 digit numbers and short division including remainders.

We will continue to develop our mental arithmetic skills daily. Each child has been set small achievable goals to work towards over the term. As a class reward for attaining these targets, we will celebrate with yummy hot chocolate, cream and marshmallows, as we head towards the colder weeks.

Science Topic- Properties of materials

This unit 'Properties of materials' allows children to: compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. They will know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating. Finally, they learn how to give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic.

Useful website- Properties and change of materials - KS2 Science - BBC Bitesize





Foundation Subjects

Ict- Programming

Music- Ukulele teaching from Music Service

Geography- My region and the Western United States

French- Shopping in France

PE- Gymnastics

Re- What are the themes of Christmas?

PHSCE- Healthy relationships- Connecting with others

DT- CAD Structures- Architecture

Reminders

PE Day- Monday

Water Bottles- Please bring water to school.

Homework- Issued on a Friday and returned by the following Thursday.

Please encourage your child to use **Numbots** and **TT rockstars** weekly.

Reading- Please read 3x times weekly signing and dating your child's reading card. School reading books need to brought in daily.

Class Trip- Durham University Visit **Friday 13th November 2026**. Please wear School Uniform.

Class 5/6 Assembly- Wednesday 18th November 2026. Time:9:10

All parents/carers welcome

Class 5/6 Ukulele Music performance - date to be confirmed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards, Miss Hemmingway and Mrs Berry