

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

I hope that you are well and that the children are refreshed for an exciting term leading to Christmas. Firstly, I would like to thank you for such a fantastic first term – you have made me feel so welcome to the St Joseph's family and, for that, I am truly grateful. The children have settled well into Year 5 and our learning is full steam ahead!

At a glance, our second term involves lots of learning in relation to Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. Again, this theme will run throughout our literacy journey and children are more than welcome to bring in any books or resources from home based around the topic.

There are no major changes to this term. Just a couple of reminders, that I am sure the children are used to by now:

- **Homework** will be set on a Friday, this will include:
  - Spellings (green book) – these will need to be practised at home ready for a test every Friday.
  - Grammar, maths, reading or topic based work, which is due in the following Wednesday.
- **PE** will take place on a Friday morning. Please bear in mind that this includes trainers, a house colour top and navy/black jogging bottoms.
- **Break times** – Our break times have been a success so far. The children are doing a great job at social distancing whilst having fun. Please ensure that your child has wellies and a waterproof jacket in school each day.
- **Music lessons** – if your child has a music lesson, please can you remind them to bring their instrument so that they can make the most of their allocated time.
- **Reading at home** – many of the children really 'wowed' me last term, with the amount of reading they were doing outside of the classroom. Please encourage them to keep this up. I look forward to 'book blathering' with the children again during the second term!
- **DEAR time book** – we are close to finishing *The Explorer*. The children have really enjoyed this book. Next, we will be reading *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aiken. All children are welcome to bring their own version of this book into school to make DEAR time even more exciting!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me via the SLT email if you would like to ask any questions or if you have any concerns. Mrs Hamlin and I really look forward to another term with the wonderful children of Year 5.

Best wishes,

Miss Johnson

## Numeracy

- Decimals
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and division
  - Powers of 10
  - Properties of number

## Literacy

- **Ghost Stories from our literary heritage**  
**Focus:** we will be writing in the style of Charles Dickens and using dialogue to move the action forward.
- **Persuasion**  
**Focus:** we will show an understanding of how persuasive writing can be adapted for different audiences and purpose.
- **Traditional Viking tales**

## RE

**Prayers Saints and Feasts:** Within this unit we will explore the Our Father, delving deep into the meaning behind phrases included and the history behind this prayer that Jesus taught us.

**Advent:** Across this special time of year, our God Matters sessions with focus upon John the Baptist and our understanding of the O Antiphons.

# Anglo-Saxons and Vikings



## French

We will continue to ask key questions in French and communicate with our classmates in a confident manner.

Towards the end of the term, we will be learning some new Christmas vocabulary!

## Saint Teresa's Class

### Topic Web

### Autumn Term 2

## Theme Related Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

### As historians, we will:

- **Explore** the raids and invasions by Vikings in Anglo-Saxon Britain.
- **Learn** who the Vikings were as well as when and where they raided and settled.
- **Find out** about significant events from the period and order these chronologically on a timeline.
- **Discover** the Anglo-Saxon kings and examine their influence and significance in British history.
- **Study** the Anglo-Saxon justice system.
- **Examine** aspects of everyday Viking life.

