

Dragonfly Class

September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Teynham Primary School. We hope you have had a great summer and a restful break. We are very much looking forward to working with your child this year and seeing all that they can achieve.

Topic - Invasion!

In the Invasion project, your child will explore the effects of the Roman withdrawal and the chronology and geography of subsequent invasions. They will study the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in detail, examining their reasons for invading, their settlements and their everyday life. Your child will also look at monasteries and the Anglo-Saxon legacy. They will consider how we know about life in this period and investigate the Sutton Hoo ship burial. They will learn about Athelstan, an Anglo-Saxon king, and what happened after his death, before ending the project by learning about the Norman invasion of 1066.

English

In English, your child will be reading the class novel 'The King Who Threw Away His Throne' by Terry Deary. They will complete reading comprehension tasks linking to this novel. In addition, they will create their own poem based on Beowulf, a playscript about the Anglo Saxons and a Norse myth. Your child will also work on developing the following Grammar skills: identifying and using nouns and pronouns, using the past tense, writing subordinate clauses, identifying adjectives, using the present tense and using apostrophes. Your child will also have daily spelling/ phonics lessons.

Maths

In Maths, your child will begin by working on place value up to one thousand, including placing numbers on a number line, rounding to the nearest 1000, and will also look into negative numbers and Roman numerals. They will then progress to adding and subtracting 3 and 4 digit numbers and estimating answers. Throughout the terms your child will also be focusing on their times tables including their 3's, 4's and 8's.

Science

In Science, they will learn about the features of ecosystems and the meaning of new terminology, including 'biotic', which means living, and 'abiotic', which means non-living. They will learn about two scientific diagrams, a food chain and a food web, finding out what these diagrams are and what they show. They will discuss the similarities and differences between food chains and food webs and sketch examples. They will discuss the challenges different ecosystems face from human activities such as pollution or natural events such as deforestation. They will then learn about the digestive system of humans, naming the digestive organs, describing their functions and finding out what happens to the food they eat. They will learn the names and functions of the four types of human teeth and identify the differences between the teeth of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

RE

In RE, your child will begin by learning about Creation, with a focus on the question "What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?" and look into the timeline of the Bible's "Big Story". They will look into what Christians believe about God and Creation. Your child will think about how Christians respect God's Creation, and how they care for the earth, Children will then think about the reasons for praying to God, and give their own ideas about how people should behave. Your child will then move on to learning about Incarnation focusing on the question "What is the Trinity?". They will start by looking at the life and teaching of Jesus and texts based on Trinity and baptism gaining knowledge on what these mean to Christians.

ICT

In ICT lessons, your child will be learning about online safety.

Reading and Home Learning

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's reading and home learning. We always look forward to seeing what your children have created during the week.

Your child will continue to receive a staged reading book this term. This will be sent home on a **Friday** and needs to be returned to school on the following **Wednesday**. It is important that your child reads daily so that they are able to make as much progress as possible. Please fill their reading record in at home to show the reading your child has completed. Do let us know if they have enjoyed the book. We do also like hearing about any other books they have been reading at home.

Maths homework will continue to be set via the MyMaths website on a Friday. Your child's login is stuck into their homework book.

Your child will also receive a new homework grid this term, linked to our new topic. Please choose one task to complete each week.

P.E.

This term, PE lessons will take place on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit (t shirt, shorts and plimsolls) in school on these days so that they can fully participate in the lessons. No earrings are allowed to be worn during P.E. lessons, therefore they need to be able to take them out themselves, or have them taken out in the morning before school.

Thank you for your continued support. If you need to contact me at any point, please email me at t.donoghue@teynham.kent.sch.uk

Kind regards,
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