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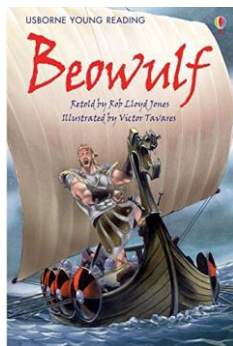
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Headteacher: Mrs N Day MA (Ed)

Dear Parents,

January 2024

Happy New Year to you all! First of all a HUGE thank you for our cards, presents and kind wishes for Christmas. We hope you had a great Christmas break and are now raring to go into another busy term! It has been lovely to be back in the classroom with the class and see how happy they are to be there and learning together again.



We are starting this term discovering who the **Anglo-Saxons** were, where they came from and why. Paul Ullson, our History Man popped in on Thursday to run a workshop for us. He is incredibly knowledgeable and helped to make our learning exciting and irresistible. In our English lessons we are using the story of Beowulf to develop our use of description and speech as we retell some of the battles and create our own. Following this we will be linking our learning about the Anglo-Saxons into a Design and Technology week where we will be creating an artefact in textiles.

Following on from this we have an RE learning experience exploring **Hinduism** and then an **Art** week focusing on mark making and sketching skills. During these 2 weeks we will be assessing the children in maths and English and they will be writing their comments for their reports.



After half term we have an exciting whole school PSHCE experience called 'Happy from head to toe'. As a staff, we all have different activities, hobbies and pastimes which we find helpful for our wellbeing. We will be running workshops where we will be sharing this with the children and discussing how they can also look after their own wellbeing.

At the end of February, Chichester Festival Theatre are putting on a production of 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' which we will be going to see. We will be starting to read this book as a class at the beginning of January so that we have a good awareness of the story and it's themes by the time we go to see it. Can we please ask, that if you have not already, you make sure that your child has a copy of this book at school.

We will spend the remainder of this half term looking at the science of **Sound** investigating how sounds are made and heard, exploring how the volume and pitch of sounds can be changed and

looking at the best ways of soundproofing. Our writing focus will be on organising our ideas into paragraphs and using a variety of different length sentences including those with co-ordinating and subordinating clauses.

Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be sent home on a Thursday and we ask that the books are brought into school on Tuesday for our times tables and spelling tests. Times tables will be tested on a Tuesday and spellings on a Wednesday in the home learning book so that you can see your child's progress. It is really important that home learning is supported by an adult at home. Although the task should be done independently your child will really benefit from having you read it through with them and discuss what they need to do and how they can go about it as well as checking in with you after they have completed it to ensure they are confident with what they have done.



Times Tables

Thank you for all of the support that you are giving your children in learning their times tables.

In class we have now looked at all of the times tables and so they need to practice recalling them all correctly and at speed. Your child has brought home a sheet giving you guidance on which tables will be tested and so need to be practiced each week. Please do continue to help them practice for a short while every day. This 'little and often' approach enables them to learn and remember their tables much better than one long session.

We continue to have Doodle until February so please do use this to practice times tables.

In class we are also using <https://www.timestables.co.uk/> as there are a range of activities and styles for practicing. This is also the website where you will find a test similar to the government test for year 4 so you will be able to begin to get ready for the multiplication check in the summer.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Reading

Please continue to read daily with your child and record it in their home reading diary. This should be kept in their school bag so that we always have access to it. We will continue to monitor these and your child will receive a Dojo point for each day that they read at home.

PE - For this first half term our PE sessions will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons. After half term we will once again have an extra session on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure that a named school PE kit is in school as your child will not be able to take part in these sessions without it. At this time of year it would be good to include a tracksuit or leggings, as most sessions will be outside unless it is raining. Water bottles are also essential every day.

Swimming starts again on the afternoon of Tuesday 9th January at the Westgate Centre.

If you have any questions, worries or queries please do contact us on our class email.

Hippos@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

We will check this once daily Monday-Friday between 8am-5pm and try to get back to you as quickly as possible. If you have any last minute information such as a change in which adult is picking up your child please phone or email the office as we may not see your email until after the school day.

Thank you so much for your support,

Mrs S. Treagust and Mrs C. Rinaldi