



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a lovely summer holiday. This term we are going to be basing most of our learning through the topic of Settlers and Survivors. Here is a summary of the curriculum that your child will be studying over this Autumn Term as well as a list of important dates:

**Key Dates:**

St Albans City Geography field trip- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

CHILL out days –**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October** (full day) and **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** (morning only.) Children will need a packed lunch (for full day) and possibly waterproofs.

Parent Partners –**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Anglo-Saxon workshop-**November**

Year 4 Production- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**English:** First person narrative, descriptive writing based on the epic poem of Beowulf, simile poetry and instructions.

**Maths: Number & place value:** 4-digit numbers, rounding, ordering, negative numbers, Roman numerals.

**Addition & subtraction:** 4 digit numbers using column methods, estimating, using inverse, solving 2-step problems.

**Multiplication & division:** Factor pairs, mental calculations, written methods to multiply 3-digit by 1-digit numbers.

**Measurement:** Time, converting lengths, capacity.

**Fractions:** Revising unit fractions and finding equivalents.

**Science: States of Matter.**

**Topic: Settlements** with a focus on the local area. **Anglo-Saxons** as invaders and settlers.

**Computing:** Microsoft Word and Publisher; Basic Computer Skills; Troubleshooting.

**RE:** Christianity, Sikhism and Hinduism- marking festivals, traditions and key events in life; symbolic expression in prayer and worship; what is The Trinity.

**Music:** Composing inspired by Britten's Storm Interlude; Introduction to the ukulele for one Y4 class; Singing songs related to class topics; Increasing our knowledge about the great composers and our ability to talk about music using musical vocabulary; Developing knowledge about instruments of the orchestra; Learning songs for our Y4 musical

**Art:** Painting and drawing skills, looking at perspective and cityscapes.

**PE:** Invasion games skills for basketball and football, gymnastics and netball.

**D&T:** Design and make an Anglo-Saxon purse.

**French:** - What is the date? *Quelle est la date?* -The family. *La famille.*

**PHSE:** E-Safety, New Beginnings, Say No to Bullying and Getting on and Falling out, Protective behaviours, Money.

**Homework:** Books will go out Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September with the homework tracker and the topic tasks sheet. The books should be brought into school weekly (On Friday) for the teacher to mark. Children will be awarded with House Points for homework that shows effort. We also expect children to read regularly (at least 5 times a week) aloud to a parent – this will be recorded by you in their Reading Record, and to practise times tables or other mental maths (at least 3 times a week.)

**Equipment:** Each child should have a pencil case in school with appropriate equipment for lessons. Please can you make sure that your child has their trainers and full PE kit **in school every day**. They should also have a named water bottle with them every day and a nutritious snack, such as a piece of fruit or a plain biscuit, for break time.

We are looking forward to an excellent Autumn Term. Please do not hesitate to drop in to discuss any concerns you have.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Mrs Warren*

*Mr Garwood*

*Class 5*

*Class 6*