



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back to a new year!

Our topic this term will be based on Beowulf (first poem written in English and then made into a legend). We will read different versions of the text from Michael Morpurgo, Rosemary Sutcliff and Kevin Crossley-Holland. We will use the text to create stories from different viewpoints, instructions, diary entries, persuasive writing, letters and much more. In Science, we will be looking at animals and their habitats and in Geography we will focus on geographical language and map skills. In History we will look at Saxons and Vikings.

### Homework

Your child has already been given a new Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic, for the entire term in advance.

Your children will have a weekly Maths task and a English or creative task to complete. Where possible, Maths tasks will be graded with the star challenge, and children will choose which tasks they would like to take home to complete. There will be a weekly spelling challenge based on the spelling patterns and the words they expected to learn for their year. Spellings will be given out weekly for your children to practise at home.

In addition to weekly homework, we expect all children to:

- read daily (with an adult or independently)
- practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to 12 x 12

### AK Star Badges

Every child in the school has been allocated a special star badge to recognise good learning behaviours. Your child is working towards earning their badge, so please support them in this challenge.

To be awarded their badge by Mrs Saville, they need to demonstrate the following:

- regular use of Mathematics;
- regular home reading;
- listening well;
- not talking over others;
- challenging themselves;
- perseverance;
- making good learning choices;
- independent learning;
- trying their best with spellings;
- being ready to learn.

### General Reminders...

- Year 6 will have PE with Mr Tanner on Friday afternoon. Year 5 will have PE this term on Tuesday afternoon which will be taught by Mr Tanner. The Year 5s will have swimming at Cirencester Leisure Centre on Thursday afternoons and will get back at 3:45pm. It is essential that children have a full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle. The Year 5s will need a swimming kit and towel. If they don't have their kit, they won't be able to take an active part in the lesson. If appropriate, your child may have a roll-on antiperspirant deodorant in their PE bag too (no aerosols please).
- Both classes have two Forest School sessions timetabled Spring 1: Year 5 will be on the \_\_ and the \_\_ February. Year 6 will have the 4th January and 31st January. Please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for these lessons.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Miss Thomas

Miss Perring

Subject	Year 5	Year 6
Themes	Beowulf	Beowulf
Christian Value	Perseverance Forgiveness	Perseverance Forgiveness
English	Stories from different viewpoints Instructions Diary entries Persuasive writing – letters	Stories from different viewpoints Instructions Diary entries Persuasive writing – letters
Maths	Multiplication and division- written methods Fractions and decimals (Y5) Percentages (Y5)	Percentages (Y6) Decimals (Y6) Measures (Y6) Algebra, ratio and statistics (Y6)
Science	Materials Living things and their habitats Animals and humans	Materials Living things and their habitats Animals and humans
Computing	Coding and scratch- game making Computer networks	Coding and scratch- game making Computer networks
History	Saxons and Vikings	Saxons and Vikings
Geography	Scandinavia	Scandinavia
R.E.	How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything? (Year 5)  Understanding Christianity -Salvation	Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth? (Year 6) Understanding Christianity - Salvation
Art & Design	Grendel drawings - pencil sketching Perspective drawing	Grendel drawings - pencil sketching Perspective drawing
Design Technology	Models of structures – flood resistant buildings (link to 'practical action' Design challenge	Models of structures – flood resistant buildings (link to 'practical action' Design challenge
P.E.	Mr Tanner Swimming	Mr Tanner
Music	Charanga unit 3	Charanga unit 3
P.H.S.C.E.	My body and I Finances	My body and I Finances
French	Winter Hobbies	Winter My day
Wow Events		Mock trial
Community Links	Fair trade fortnight	Mock trial
SMSC development	Fair trade fortnight 26 <sup>th</sup> February-11 <sup>th</sup> March	
Other Dates	10 <sup>th</sup> January – Forest School 6 <sup>th</sup> February – Forest School 7 <sup>th</sup> March –Forest School	9 <sup>th</sup> January – Forest School 31 <sup>st</sup> January – Forest School 6 <sup>th</sup> March –Forest School 28 <sup>th</sup> March- Forest School