

## Year 5 - Week Commencing 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### Maths

The first week of term will be spent exploring place value and ensuring the children are equipped with the necessary basic skills to help them cope with the demands of the Year 5 curriculum. During the week, I aim to work with each of the children so that I get an initial understanding of their individual strengths and areas for development.

Details of the curriculum can be found here:  
<http://www.primarycurriculum.me.uk/year5/mathematics>

### English

Our first theme is 'Legends of the British Isles' and this week we will begin reading the story of Beowulf; although not set in the British Isles, it is regarded as the one of the most important stories in old English literature. It is an exciting story which always grips the children and we will use it to write our own version of the story.

If you have any books of English legends, please feel free to bring them in to share.

### Theme

Our topic for the first half term is called "A Kingdom United" - this has a wealth of stimulating work for the children to explore, particularly in Geography, History, Music and English. This week will see an introduction to the history topic which is an in-depth study of the Anglo-Saxon period; the children will be taught when this period of history occurred and how it came about.

In geography, we will be looking at the country in which we live and learning what is meant by the UK and GB. The children will begin some initial map work to help cement their understanding of where we fit in the world.

### Extras

French will be on Tuesday morning with Mme. Wardle.

PE will be on Wednesday afternoons - please ensure your child has full PE kit in school for indoor and outdoor (we will always go outside if possible, weather permitting). Please remember, long hair should be tied back and earrings/other jewellery should not be worn.

Starting next Monday (11<sup>th</sup> September) **the children will be going swimming** in the afternoon - see separate letter.

This year I will be out of class for 3 afternoons each week: on Mondays and Tuesdays I will be carrying out my Deputy Head duties and I will have PPA on Thursdays. During these afternoons the class will be covered by Mrs. Morgan, who will also be in every day as my TA. Additionally, Miss Thompson will be working in class each day.

### Spelling Focus

This half term we will be reviewing spelling patterns learned in previous years, starting with **words ending in -ure or -er**. New lists will be given out on Mondays and there will be a weekly test on Fridays