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## Happy New Year - Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, a very Happy New Year to all our children and families. We are excited to begin our new topic, where the children will travel back in time to learn about the Anglo-Saxons, including their beliefs, how they arrived, and why they travelled to Britain. We will begin by reading our new text: 'Winter of the Wolves' by Tony Bradman.

In English, the children will use their learning about the Anglo-Saxons as a stimulus for their writing. They will begin by writing a setting description of an Anglo-Saxon village, after watching the short video 'Jotun', and then write a diary entry in role as the main character of 'Winter of the Wolves', Oslaf. Within these writing units, the children will learn how to build cohesion within their writing, as well as developing their vocabulary choices.

In Maths, the children will develop their knowledge and understanding of fractions, including learning how to add and subtract mixed number fractions. They will also learn how to use a formal written method for long multiplication and short division questions. As always, times table knowledge is a significant element to their maths learning and improving their speed and accuracy when answering times table questions can have a positive impact on their success in lessons. Please continue to encourage your child to use Times Table Rock Stars.

In Science, the children will learn about the changes and properties of materials, including transparency, hardness, electrical conductors and magnetism, and carry out an investigation to answer the question: which material is the best insulator of heat?

We have a very exciting opportunity to visit Medina Mosque in Southampton, where we will learn about the significance of the building and learn more about the five pillars of Islam. You will receive a separate letter with more information about this.

We are really looking forward to this half term and everything it has in store, and we would like to thank you in advance for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via their planners or by contacting the school office.

Kind regards,

  
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