

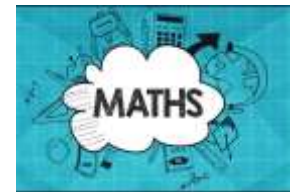
2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

Dear parents and carers of Tulip class,

We hope that you all had a brilliant half term break and your children are ready for an exciting term ahead.

### English and maths

This term our English lessons will be based around our topic 'Invasion!'. We will be learning to write Anglo-Saxon poetry, Norse myths and fine tuning our non-chronological report writing skills! In maths, we will continue to use White Rose to structure our lessons and we will be finishing our subtraction and addition block of work and then moving onto multiplication and division. Children will continue to be encouraged to log



on to TT Rockstars to help them to learn their times tables or to keep working on their speed of recall of the multiplication facts. Please encourage your children to do this, as a secure knowledge of the tables helps the children in all areas of maths. Thank you for your support!

### Topic

Our new topic is called 'Invasion!'. During this topic, children will explore the effects of the Roman withdrawal and the chronology and geography of subsequent invasions. They will study the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in detail, examining their reasons for invading, their settlements and their everyday life. We will also look at monasteries and the Anglo-Saxon legacy. We will consider how we know about life in this period and investigate the Sutton Hoo ship burial. We will learn about Athelstan, an Anglo-Saxon king, and what happened after his death, before ending the project by learning about the Norman invasion of 1066.



### Other lessons

Our PE days continue to be on a Thursday and Friday. Could you please ensure your child comes into school in their PE kit on these days. Please could their kit be in line with our uniform policy, which is a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt, plain black shorts, plain black jogging bottoms and trainers. It may be a good idea for anyone with pierced ears to leave their earrings out on PE days to save them having to take them out, or if your child struggles to remove their earrings, they can tape them over (tape will not be provided by school). It is getting colder outside and our PE lessons will continue to happen outside (weather

dependent!). We will continue to learn German and Year 4 will continue to learn how to play their instrument with Emma. Children will continue to be taught RE weekly, and this half term they are learning about baptism and the Trinity. We will also be continuing our links with Wisdom School in Tanzania.

### Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Thursday, when children will bring their homework books in to school for their work to be marked. Children will be provided with maths homework, spelling homework and they will also be expected to read at least five times a week, and for their reading to be recorded in their reading record. The homework sent home is a piece of work your child should be able to complete independently as it is based on spelling patterns or maths that has been taught during the week.

### Reading

Your child will continue to be provided with a reading book in line with their reading age. In class, children will have access to books off our reading shelves as well as library books (which are brought in to the classroom for children to access) and we will also have our 50



Reads Challenge books in our reading treasure chest. These books are specific to Y3 or Y4, and the children are encouraged to read as many, ideally all, of the books during their time in Y3 or Y4. It is essential that those children who are free readers are reading books that are

challenging enough for their age, and that they are accessing a wide range of genres and authors, and the 50 Reads Challenge is perfect for this! It is lovely to see how much the children are enjoying reading these books. Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to read!

We hope that you have found this information useful, and we look forward to getting to know you and to speaking to you all at parents' evening, although this will now be by telephone. If you ever need to contact us, please don't hesitate, you can phone school or can email us directly on [tulip@st-james.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:tulip@st-james.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Mr Ford and Mrs Mackey.