

UKS2 Newsletter

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All settled in!

We have been so impressed with the fantastic start so many of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have made during this busy Autumn term. We have seen fantastic examples of the school values being used by the pupils, not only in our classrooms, but around the school; some really wonderful role models in Year 5 and 6 are emerging!

We have had an extremely busy start to the year and have been lucky to have the opportunity of various new and exciting experiences, which have really inspired our class learning. Hopefully, in this issue we will be able to share some of these examples with you!

A 'Thank you' also for all the support you continue to give to your child in school. We really appreciate all the help parents have shown in supporting their child with their weekly home learning, as well as those additional activities throughout the week such as reading, and 'learn its'. This makes such a difference to their confidence and ability back in the classroom.

Miss Campbell, Mrs Nunn, Mr Stephenson and Mrs Wilson.

Home Learning

Home Learning continues to be handed out every **Wednesday** and is due the following **Monday**.

In addition to the weekly home learning task, pupils are expected to practice spellings and Beat That Maths Challenges! We also need you to sign up to Reading Rewards over the holidays if you haven't done so already, in order to log the reading completed each week.

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Upcoming Dates

5th and 7th November – Parent Consultations. Please sign up if you haven't done so already.

5th-9th November – Book fair in school

6th November – Pupil photos

8th November – Elm Learning and Lunch

12th- 16th November- Anti- Bullying Week

16th November- Children in need

19th November – Road Safety Week

24th November – Winter Fair

29th November – ASH class assembly.

Please join us if your child is in Ash class.

6th December – SYCAMORE class assembly

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20th December – KS2 Winter sing-a-long

21st December- Term 2 ends. Christmas jumper day, lunch and parties.

Learning and Lunch

Ash and Sycamore have really enjoyed taking part in the 'Learning and Lunch' activities this week including Anglo-Saxon bread making and a science experiment. (Elm class will be the first week back!)

Thank you so much to all the parents who have joined us for these sessions. The children have thoroughly enjoyed having you in the lessons and you have all been such a help with the activities!



Anglo-Saxon Day

On 8th October, UKS2 thoroughly enjoyed the wealth of activities brought by our Anglo- Saxon visitor to develop our knowledge and understanding of the time. From handling weapons and playing trading games, to acting out a Pagan burial, there were fun and engaging activities throughout the day for all!



English

In English, we have focussed on the exciting Anglo- Saxon story of 'Beowulf and Grendel' by Michael Morpurgo and used this to retell our own version of the story, using our identified targets from our year group. Additionally, we have focussed on non-fiction writing and created our own non-chronological report of the Anglo- Saxons.

We are sure the pupils will enjoy sharing some of this learning with you during the Parent Consultations during the first week back!

Maths

The Year 5 and 6 pupils have been able to further their understanding of place value during the first term as well as secure their understanding of different calculation methods. Many of the children have enjoyed mastering a topic by completing different problem solving tasks. This was one of the favourites from year 6. Can you figure out what the answer is?

This represents the multiplication of a 4-figure number by 3.

$$\begin{array}{r} \star\star\star\star \\ \times \quad \quad \quad 3 \\ \hline \star\star\star\star\star \\ \star\star\star\star\star \\ \hline \star\star\star\star\star\star\star \end{array}$$

The whole calculation uses each of the digits 0–9 once and once only.

The 4-figure number contains three consecutive numbers, which are not in order. The third digit is the sum of two of the consecutive numbers.

The first, third and fifth figures of the five-digit product are three consecutive numbers, again not in order. The second and fourth digits are also consecutive numbers.

Can you replace the stars in the calculation with figures?

Year 5 were super mathematicians and put their learning and problem solving into practice outdoor learning style! We had great fun using our knowledge of Roman Numerals to conduct a riddle race!



Maths and Science Day

Wow! What a day! On the 9th October, Major Tom came into Bowsland Green to invite us on a mission: Race to Space! After playing the sausages game (a crowd favourite), we were introduced to five possible candidates for the next astronaut. Our task was to work as one big school team, solving science and maths problems along the way to determine who the best candidate would be! Congratulations to Professor for getting the job and we wish you the best of luck on your upcoming space mission!

A huge thank you to the Friends of Bowsland Green for making this possible! It was a fantastic opportunity to promote a love of science and maths. We all really enjoyed it! See the website for upcoming photos!