

RHINE CLASS NEWSLETTER Spring Term 2023

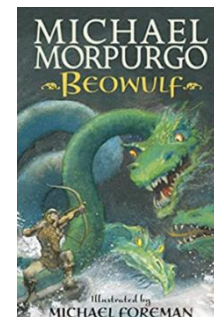


Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to you all. The children have really enjoyed sharing their holiday news with us, telling us all about: where they went, who they saw, what presents they received and the presents they gave. We are all really excited about what we will learn this term. What challenges will we overcome? What questions will we answer? What mistakes will we learn from? What new opportunities will we experience?

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Invaders & Settlers' has a history focus where we will be learning about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England. We hope to visit Wiltshire Museum near Devizes to take part in a workshop. We will be studying Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo and illustrated by Michael Foreman where children get an opportunity to discuss legends and the importance of heroic poetry in early European literature. Followed by a comparison to Fairy Tales, which children will practise reading skills of inference as well as develop the ability to differentiate between fact, opinion, impartiality, bias and supposition.



Other areas of the curriculum that will be covered

English	Legends & Fairy Tales Beowulf - Letter of advice, diary entry, dialogue, character and setting description, action scenes, obituary and own legend or missing chapter The Lost Happy Endings- Newspaper report, an extended response to a text Daily grammar and spelling
Maths	Y3: Length, Mass & Volume Y4: Further Multiplication & Division & Graphs Y5: Fractions, Decimals & Percentages Y6: Fractions & Decimals More details can be found on the Maths Section of the website and by accessing Parent Guides
Science	Materials and their Properties and Animals Including Humans
History	The Saxon invasion of Britain and the fall of the Roman empire, exploring Saxon burials and funeral from artefacts and other evidence, Saxons within the timeline of British history, the locations of the Saxon Kingdoms and settlement, how the Anglo Saxons live and the conversion to Christianity.
Geography	Not taught this term
Art and DT	Techniques – Drawing (Use a variety of techniques to add interesting effects (e.g. reflections, shadows, direction of sunlight) & Bayeux Tapestry Inspired art DT- Juggling Ball project
PSHE	Rights and Respect
Music	Instrumental Lessons Y5/6
RE	Sacred Texts from a range of major world religions
PE/Games	Lacrosse & Gymnastics
Computing	Coding- Scratch
MFL	French – Fairy Tales - Petit Chaperon Rouge (Little Red Riding Hood)

Home learning

Learning to work independently is an essential part of a good education. Regular home learning is important as it helps children work towards improving important skills and complements work done at school.

Children will receive regular home learning in Reading, Spelling and Maths. They may also be given additional projects or tasks to support a class topic or other area of learning. These will be posted on Seesaw, so please make sure you have activated your account.

Reading

Reading is an incredibly important skill that feeds into every aspect of your child's education, prospects of success and future life. It is therefore extremely valuable when children are supported and encouraged to read at home once a day and sign on their bookmark. We understand that life can be busy, however we appreciate your support by reading daily with your child.

Reading comprehension

Each child will be given a weekly comprehension to be completed at home. This will be given on a Monday and due the following Monday.

Spelling

Your child will be given termly (common exception) spellings to practise. These are on Seesaw and Spelling Frame. These will be tested once or twice termly. These spellings are different to the words covered in class and require regular practice to master.

Maths

Children in Year 5 & 6 will continue with their CGP Maths practice book which they will bring home each week to complete one section and return the following week on a Tuesday.

Children in Year 3 & 4 should be practising their times tables. All children have a Times Tables Rockstars account which they can access at home and school to practise and maintain fluency. TT rockstars no longer lets you set specific times tables, but tailors questions based on answers.

Weather ready/PE

Children should have a named coat in school at all times as we will go outside in most weathers. Gloves are a good idea for when it gets colder especially when holding a lacrosse stick. PE will be on a Monday and Thursday and children can come into school in their PE kit on those days.

Pencil Cases

We provide the children with all the equipment they need. However they are able to bring in a SMALL pencil case with a pencil, pen (this should be blue ink, no biro's are allowed), rubber, small ruler, pencil sharpener – NO SHARPIES or felt tip pens please. **All stationery should be named.**

Snacks and Water bottle

It is very important that children are kept fuelled and hydrated throughout the day so your child will need a named water bottle in school every day.

We also recommend that have a healthy snack at break time to keep them going till lunchtime. Please ensure any reusable snack pots are named. No crisps, chocolate or other sugary snacks should be brought into school for morning break.

How to contact us

The best way to contact us is to use the class email: rhineclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk

We will do our best to reply but we will be teaching in the day so cannot guarantee a response during this time. For urgent messages please call the school office on 01666 837602.

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