

# Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High

This is our first term in the upper juniors and we've got lots to look forward to. There are lots of fun topics and lessons ahead!

## PE

PE is taught twice a week. Games and athletics will be taught by Mrs Edwards on a Tuesday and Swimming will be on a Thursday afternoon. We value healthy life styles; and staying fit and active is important as we grow up.

## Homework, Spellings and Reading

Like last year, there will be two pieces of homework a week. Our Numeracy and Learning Log homework will be given out on a Friday and is due in on a Wednesday. Occasionally, we may give out a piece of homework that lasts for a longer period of time, such as a mini-project. Spelling lists will also be sent home to be learnt in time for our spelling tests. It is important that you take time to learn the spellings as it will impact on your English work. As always, reading is the cornerstone of all learning. We recommend that you read at home as much as possible and aim to change your book as often as possible.

Details of enrichment experiences will be announced as the year progresses.

Miss Blake



# Struggle

**Year 5 Learning Letter**

**Autumn 2016**



Our first topic will focus on **The Anglo-Saxons versus the Vikings battling for control of Britain.**

In **Art** we will use a range of art techniques making Anglo-Saxon designs.

In **DT** we will design our own Anglo-Saxon inspired Jewellery.

In **Science** we will be looking at animal classification and will study the famous scientist Carl Linnaeus. In the second half term we will look at electrical circuits. We will explore the circuits and how changes affect components within them.

In **English** we will research Britain during the Anglo-Saxon times. We will create reports about what we've discovered. We will also write our own myths based on the story of King Arthur. After half term, we will create newspaper reports based on events around the Viking invasion. We will also do a persuasive unit looking at convincing our audience to support the different claimants to the throne.

In **Maths** we will be working on our general number sense: naming all the factors of a number, swapping fractions to decimals and rounding up decimals. We will also look at different strategies for the four operations of number. We will investigate the properties of 2D shapes and measure angles accurately. As always, mental maths is very important and we will be having weekly mental maths tests too.

In **Geography** we will look at maps of how Britain was divided up into separate kingdoms and locate modern UK cities and counties. We will also look at maps of where the Vikings explored and name the main oceans and continents.

In **History** we will study Britain during the times of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

In **P.E** Mrs Edwards will teach Invasion Games and Athletics on a Tuesday afternoon. We will also go swimming on a Thursday.



In **Computing** we will be looking at Internet safety. What makes a strong password? What is spam? What rules should we follow on the web?

After half term, we will begin coding using the free to download program-Scratch.

In **R.E** we will be learning about Islam and Sacred texts. We will study the life of Muhammad and how he came to recite the Quran. We will then look at different religious texts.

In **French** we will learn the vocabulary to describe ourselves, games and celebrations.



In **Music** we will have weekly sessions on a Monday afternoon learning how to play an instrument of our choice. The 'Wider Opportunities' team lead these lessons and also teach us some singing skills.