Autumn Term Year 3 Newsletter

English & Reading

We will write adventure, instruction, fantasy and diary texts inspired by *Tuesday*, *My Strong Mind*, *The Lost Thing* and *Excitable Edgar*. Pupils can also enter the **500 Words** competition.

Reading: We will enjoy *The Last Viking*, *The Nothing to See Here Hotel*, and non-fiction about Viking longships, Anglo-Saxon villages and historical sagas.

Mathematics & Science

Mathematics

We will develop fluency and problem-solving through:

- **Place value:** Numbers to 1,000.
- **Addition and subtraction:** Mental methods and column methods.
- **Multiplication and division:** The **2, 4 and 8 times tables**.

Science: Rocks & Experiments

We will conduct fair tests and make systematic observations.

- **Rocks:** Comparing types by hardness, permeability and appearance.
- **Fossils and soils:** Exploring how fossils form and how soils are layered.

History: Anglo-Saxons & Vikings

We will explore why people invaded and settled in Britain, and how perseverance shaped history.

- **Roman departure:** Britain after c. AD 410 and the arrival of Angles, Saxons and Jutes.
- **Settlements and kingdoms:** Village life, place names and Anglo-Saxon culture.
- **Viking arrival:** Lindisfarne, longships, Danegeld and Alfred the Great.

Art & Design

- **Portraits & Sketching:** Practising facial proportions, shading, and expressive linework with drawing pencils.
- **Northern Lights Skies:** Using vibrant oil pastels to blend dramatic Nordic aurora skies over silhouette landscapes.

Design & Technology

- **Viking Longboats:** Designing and assembling scaled card models.
- **Craft Skills:** Exploring natural fabric dyeing, yarn weaving, and bread making.
- **Clay Work:** Sculpting detailed Anglo-Saxon commemorative brooches and medals.

Wider Curriculum Overview

Computing

Online Safety: Staying kind and secure online.

Email: Composing, sending, and receiving polite electronic messages.

Route Planners: Inputting directions and mapping digital routes.

French & Music

French: Exploring France and its culture, mastering conversational greetings, and learning classroom commands.

Music: Singing *Let Your Spirit Fly*, learning basic notation, and playing tuned melodies on glockenspiels.

PE, RE & PSHE

PE: Tag rugby, hockey invasion games, and floor gymnastics.

RE: Investigating beliefs and community practices in Buddhism.

PSHE (Jigsaw): Exploring *Being Me in My World* and *Celebrating Difference*.

Important Dates & Home Support

Term Events & Celebrations

- **October:** Black History Month
- **November:** Diwali
- **11th November:** Remembrance Day reflections
- **December:** Festive winter crafts and sewing

How You Can Help at Home

- Read together daily and log entries in planners.
- Encourage the use of Numbots.
- Complete weekly spelling and Maths homework.
- Practise rapid recall of the 2, 4, and 8 times tables.
- Ensure PE kits are worn into school on a Tuesday as this will be Year 3's PE day.
- Visit your local library to research Anglo-Saxon artefacts!