

# Newts Newsletter Autumn Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Newts Class! I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer. Both Miss Adams and I are all very excited to welcome the children and we have lots of fun and engaging things planned for this year, to supplement and enhance the curriculum.

This term our topic will be **The Anglo Saxons** and we will be looking at the settlement of the Anglo-Saxons and life in Anglo Saxon Britain. The children will develop a chronological understanding of this period and compare daily life during this time by completing historical enquiry. Our topic will also focus on East Anglia. We will link to a study of local landscape artists in Art and Design, the Geography of East Anglia and a study of the book 'Floodland' a dystopian narrative set in Norfolk.

**PE** lessons will be on **Monday** and **Tuesday** (please come into school wearing PE kit on those days). Please note that Year 4 children will be participating in swimming lessons on a Tuesday as their PE lesson.

**Homework grids** will also be sent home, which include a variety of tasks based on learning covered this half term. Children can either choose one task every couple of weeks or spend longer completing a bigger task. Homework is not compulsory but there will be rewards for those children who do engage in them. The children will be given a homework book to complete the tasks, in which they bring in and share with the class. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring in your homework on these dates.

Children will be given a homework planner to record their home reading and weekly homework tasks.

**The expectations are as follows:**

- Read for at least 15 minutes daily
- Login to Times Tables Rockstars for at least 5 minutes twice a week
- Complete 2 x activities in their spelling booklets

Please record all homework in their homework diaries- write down the reading that they have done on the right hand side of the page and record which days they completed TT Rockstars on the left hand side, along with your signature. We will check the diaries every Friday and if children have completed the above they will get extra break time.

Children may bring in a pencil case which could include a pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler and colouring pencils. Please ensure that this is a suitable size for the classroom and not overflowing with items as it can often become a distraction for the children.

The following page shows the different learning that will take place over the Autumn Term.

## Autumn Term 2023

	<b>Autumn 1</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b>
English	<b>Fantasy Narrative</b> Floodland by Marcus Sedgewick <b>Structural Poems</b> Beowulf by Anonymous	<b>Explanations</b>  <b>Traditional Narrative</b>
Maths	Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Multiplication and division Fractions
Science	Properties and changes of materials Rocks	Forces
RE	<b>Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism</b>  How do different religions make sense of the world?	<b>Christianity, Islam, Buddhism</b>  How can we be good?
Computing	Computing Systems	Data and Information
PSHE	Me and my relationships	Valuing Differences
DT		<b>Mechanisms</b> Pulleys and Gears
Art	<b>East Anglia Landscapes</b> John Constable Thomas Gainsborough	
History	<b>Anglo-Saxon Britain</b> Kingdoms, battles and life in the Anglo-Saxon times	
Geography		<b>Exploring East Anglia</b> How does the human and physical geography of East Anglia compare with other regions of the United Kingdom?
PE	Teambuilding (Year 5) Fitness (all) Swimming (Year 4)	Tag Rugby (all) Gymnastics (year 5) Swimming (year 4)
French	French portraits – description of appearances	Clothes – describing what we wear
Music	Developing melodic phrases	Understanding structure and form

I look forward to a busy and productive term. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Barden