



## Welcome Back!

I hope you had a good half term break. It is lovely to hear all the things the children have been up to and how eager they are to return to our learning.

Our topic this half term is 'Amazing Anglo Saxons' and we will be basing our learning around this interesting topic. Our big question is 'What can we learn from the past?'

## What we are learning....

### Science

This half term we will be learning about 'Electricity'. This exciting topic will see us constructing a simple circuit, investigating how electricity works and learning about how the invention of it changed our lives. Our key scientist is Joseph Swann and we will be learning about his contribution to our understanding of electricity.

### Maths

This half term we will be learning about Addition and Subtraction and using 4 digit numbers. Exchanging is something we are finding very difficult, so we will be practising this skill. We will also be learning about area and how to calculate the area of different shapes. Multiplication is really important and we will continue to practise these skills regularly as they support every area of mathematics. Remember to practise your times tables skills at home, I look forward to giving out Rockstar Certificates to Zephaniah children in our weekly celebration worship.

### English

We are enjoying our current class novel 'A Place Called Perfect' by Helena Duggan and can't wait to find out what happens next. We have started our writing this half term by learning how to summarise and retell a story. We will also be writing a fictional diary entry based on our History learning. Our library day is Friday and each child will have the opportunity to change their reading for pleasure book if they would like to. This is also the day that we will change reading scheme books if your child has one of these.

## Dates for your diary

- W/C 14<sup>th</sup> November - England Rocks TTRS competition (details of this can be found on the newsletter)
  - W/C 14<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying Week
  - 5<sup>th</sup> December - Non uniform day - Chocolate Tombola
  - 9<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school trip to Pantomime
    - 9<sup>th</sup> December - 3pm Christmas Fair
    - 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Craft Morning
  - 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day
  - 16<sup>th</sup> December - 2.30pm KS2 Christmas carols on the playground
    - 16<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for Christmas Holiday



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## Zephaniah Class News



### Homework

- It is important that your child practises their times tables at home, either on TT Rockstars or Purple Mash or even by writing them out or saying them out loud. By the end of Year 4, we need to be fluently recalling all our times tables facts and corresponding division facts all the way to  $12 \times 12$ . Practising them at home for 10 minutes each day will help make maths easier for your child.
- Another essential skill to practise at home is reading, whether it is the book they bring home from school or one you have at home. Again, little and often is the best way to help your child.
- Remember to practise your spellings on EdShed each week. I will set a new word list with challenges and games each week and will be monitoring who is accessing this at home. 10 minutes 3 times a week is ideal to support your child's spelling knowledge.

### Messages

- Our P.E. sessions are on Tuesday, please come to school wearing your outdoor P.E. kit. Earrings need to be removed, they cannot be covered with tape.
- Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school, it is important that they keep hydrated throughout the day.
- Remember that Wednesday is our music lesson day. If your child has taken a ukulele home to practise, they need to bring it in each Wednesday.
- If your child has a reading scheme book, please bring it into school each day as we will read with them throughout the week. These will be changed on a Friday.