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Dear Families

This half term our Topic is the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. The children will learn about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and their achievements. The children will explore life in England after the fall of the Roman Empire and the reasons why the Anglo-Saxons travelled to England's shores and decided to settle. They will find out how England was ruled during the settlement of the Anglo-Saxons and how they kept control of the different kingdoms. We will then look at who the Vikings were, why they carried out raids in England and how their arrival impacted the political and social hierarchy of the time.

Our class book this term will be the ancient Anglo-Saxon legend of Beowulf retold by Michael Morpurgo. We will be using this story to inspire our writing. The children will work towards writing their own legend. Please continue to either hear your child read as often as possible or encourage them to read to themselves.

In Science, our topic will be All living things and their habitats. The children will learn the life processes that distinguish living from non-living things. They will consolidate and extend previous learning on the life cycles of plants and animals, comparing and describing differences in the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and insects. They will learn how animals and plants reproduce; comparing differences and similarities between five different animal groups.

Homework will be given out each week on a Monday and will need to be returned the following Monday. Children will be given two pieces of work and each piece of work should take approximately half an hour to complete. A Year 5 homework club is available on Mondays from 3pm – 4pm. Please let us know if you wish your child to attend.

This term our main sporting activity will be swimming which will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. All children must bring swimming costumes, towels and goggles and swim hats (if they wish) all in a waterproof bag. Please label everything! The children are likely to arrive back to school at approximately 3:15 after swimming due to traffic implications. Both classes will also need to wear their PE kits into school every Tuesday.

Please make an appointment to speak with us if you have any questions or if you need to share any information about your child or home life, which may have an impact on their learning by sending an email to either 5ts@queensgateprimary.co.uk or 5ra@queensgateprimary.co.uk or make an appointment through the office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Adams, Miss Saddington and the rest of the Year 5 team

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