Quarry Mount Primary School
Half Termly Parent/Carer Information Sheet

Travel Through Time!

Year Group: Year 5 Teacher: Mrs Clarkson
Date: 06.11.26 TA: Ms Patel

During this half term we will be focusing on the following themes in each of the National Curriculum Subjects.

English In Writing, we will be writing a letter of complaint. We will base the letter on the story of Beowulf as we read a letter written from the perspective of a local villager. During this unit, the children will focus on the effective use of conjunctions, relative clauses and parenthesis. In Reading, we will be exploring a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry based on our current history theme – The Anglo Saxons. The children will be developing their retrieval skills, inferring information from a text and comparing different versions of texts. Our class reader for this half term is 'Beowulf' written by Michael Morpurgo. We will also explore other texts written by the same author.	**Mathematics** This half term the children will be exploring multiplication and division. They will be learning about multiples, factors, prime, square and cube numbers. In our unit on fractions, we will be exploring equivalent fractions, comparing fractions and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. Children must ensure they are continuing with their timestable practise at home using Timestable Rockstars.	**Science** Our new topic in Science is 'Forces and Motion'. In this topic, we will be learning about the different forces that act on us every day (e.g. gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction). We will be conducting various investigations to explore the different forces in detail.
Computing This half term, we will be learning about databases and spreadsheets. Children will create their own databases as well as query existing databases to find information that they are being asked for. In the spreadsheets unit, children will build on their existing spreadsheet knowledge and apply it in increasingly realistic situations.	**History** In our History lessons we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and how their lives compare to ours today. The children will sequence events in time and learn about this period in time through independent research using the library and the internet.	**Music** In Music, children will continue learning how to play further keys on their clarinet. All children are making fantastic progress with this instrument and we look forward to our weekly lessons with the music provider 'Art Forms'.
Personal Social & Health Education In PSHE, we will be exploring the unit 'Keeping Safe'. We will think about how we can keep our personal belongings safe, using phones sensibly, the implications of deep fakes and learning what drugs are and how to make informed choices.	**Modern Foreign Languages** In this 'On the Move' unit, the children will learn to develop their conversational skills via some new topics: transport, direction and movement. They will learn to conjugate the high-frequency verb 'to go' and use it in context.	**PE** In Gymnastics, children will learn, develop and refine the key elements required to perform gymnastic sequences. These elements build on previous learning and include key shapes, balances, movement and travelling, such as jumps, leaps and rolls. In Dodgeball, children will learn to perform and combine skills, at speed, with confidence and control. P.E days are Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child brings wears their P.E. kit to school on these days.

Religious Education In R.E we will be exploring the values that are shown in codes for living. We will explore this concept through different religions and think about our own codes for living.	**Design Technology** In DT, we will be cooking an Anglo-Saxons inspired tea. First, we will be researching and designing a recipe for a savoury vegetable stew and griddle cake. Then, we will cook our meal and do a taste test!	

Please help your child at home by;

- Reading with your child for 10 minutes every day.
- Helping your child practise their spellings and times tables.
- Complete homework from the homework menu.
- P.E. days will continue to be Mondays and Thursdays.

Special dates this half term:

- Wednesday 11th November – Open day for new pupils
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- Wednesday 18th November – Bedtime stories afternoon during the school day. Children may bring pyjamas to wear for the event.
- Monday 23rd November – Ice Skating trip for selected pupils.
- Thursday 26th November – Cinema trip
- Friday 27th November – Staff training day – school closed for all pupils
- Tuesday 1st December – KS1 North Pole Breakfast (optional)
- Wednesday 2nd December – Christmas Fair
- Tuesday 8th December – 2:30pm KS1 Nativity
- Wednesday 9th December 9:30am KS1 Nativity
- Thursday 10th December 2:30 Reception Nativity
- Tuesday 15th December 2:15 Christmas crafts 3:30 Carols by Candlelight
- Wednesday 16th December – Rock Steady concert
- Thursday 17th December – Christmas Dinner day/Christmas Jumpers
- Friday 18th December – Christmas parties