



## Buttercup, Sunshine, and Canary

### A message from the team

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term and am sure the children will relish their new learning experiences! We will be learning about the Viking and Anglo Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor. We will also be reading 'Beowulf' and creating our own versions inspired by this story.

It is important that everyone arrives at school on time with their bookbag and PE kits on the relevant days. If you have any queries, then please see one of us either in the morning or after school.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school!

Ms Begum, Miss Aden and Mr Hart (Class teachers)

### Our topic this term – Vikings and Anglo Saxons

In **Literacy**, we will be writing our own version of the myth called 'Beowulf'. Children will be developing characters and plots using their creative skills and writing stories that excite and entertain the reader!

In **Maths**, we will be securing our knowledge in place value, addition and subtraction, including numbers in the millions. This will include refreshing skills in rounding, negative numbers and decimals.

In **Science**, we will be learning about the life cycles of different living things.

We will also be investigating the best materials to build Viking boats!

In **Computing**, we will be refining our skills in digital research.

We will also learn how to stream podcasts for our topic on the Vikings.

In **Art/DT**, we will be building Viking boats from our own choice of suitable materials and testing the effectiveness of them in water.

In **PSHE**, we will establish class rules and discussing the core values at Cubitt Town Juniors called the six 'Cs'. These are: Be Caring, Be Confident, Challenge yourself, Be Curious, Be Courageous and Be Committed.

We will also be learning about Democracy and the rule of law.

Mutual Respect and tolerance – We will show respect for each other in all our lessons.

In **French**, we will be learning words to describe our daily routine.

In **Music**, we will learning to play the recorder.

In **History**, we will be learning about the Viking and Anglo Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.

In **Geography**, we will be learning about the physical features the UK and Scandinavia and how they have changed over time.

In **PE** will be learning the skills required to play rugby. We will also be honing our skills at long distance running to build stamina as well as completing circuit training.

## Teacher Timetable

Mr Hart will be out of class on Tuesday morning. On the morning he is not in class he will be covered by Mr Gillies and Ms Duggan.

Miss Begum will be out of class on Monday afternoon. On the afternoon she is not in class she will be covered by Mr Gillies and Ms Duggan.

Miss Aden will be out of class on Monday afternoon. On the afternoon she is not in class she will be covered by Mr Gillies and Ms Duggan.

## Key dates for this half term



**12<sup>th</sup> September** – Meet the teacher meetings after school

**19<sup>th</sup> October** – Last day of half term (for pupils)

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – School Closed – INSET day

## P.E. times



Sunshine – Monday

Buttercup – Tuesday

Canary – Monday

Please remember to bring your PE kit, which is a house colour t-shirt, blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms and sensible trainers.

Each class goes swimming on Thursdays. Please ensure you child has a full swimming kit.

## Home Learning and ways to help your child at home



- We will be giving home learning on **Friday**. Please encourage your child to complete it independently and return it by **Wednesday**.
- Every child **MUST** be reading at home **EVERY** night and the reading record must be signed by a parent or carer.
- Every child **MUST** bring a book bag as it is part of their uniform and they are required to take books to read at home every night. *These books must be returned to the school once they have been read.*
- Please help your child to practise learning their times tables and related division facts.
- Please talk to your child about their learning. At times we will be sending a project home for your child to complete. It would be great if you could work alongside your child to complete these projects.

## Getting in touch

Should you have any queries regarding your child, members of staff from our class are usually available in the playground at the end of each school day. Alternatively, you can speak to one of our Assistant Heads or our Deputy Head teacher.

