

Newton Class Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's probably the most famous date in English history... we're travelling back to **1066!**

King Edward is dying, so we'll write job applications for the role of King. We'll research the events of 1066 using books and online information. What was the Battle of Hastings, and how did it change our country? We'll discover what life was like for Norman people and dress up as Normans for the day.



We'll be history detectives, looking closely at the Bayeux Tapestry and sketching parts of it.

We'll use different source materials to research Norman castles and online maps to locate them. In Design & Technology we will design our own Norman castles and make our own swords, helmets and shields.

In English, we'll write newspaper reports about the events at the Battle of Hastings, as well as emotive poems about war and get into character to write diary entries. We'll make a Domesday Book all about our class.

In Science, we will be studying "States of Matter". We will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will conduct experiments to learn more about each state and observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. We will conduct investigations into the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

In Maths, we focus on building a secure understanding of place value and knowing the value of each digit in a 4 digit number (1000s, 100s, 10s, 1s) before we progress to learning to use the column method to add and subtract numbers. We will continue to use our times tables to help solve multiplication and division word problems. We will also cover measurement, shape, time and find fractions of a set of objects.

Please make sure your child brings **P.E. kit every Monday**.

- ✓ **Read for 20 minutes** every day and discuss the book with your child. Reading records are checked daily.
- ✓ **Times tables** - test your child on the week's times tables so they can answer quickly without counting.
- ✓ **Spellings** each week your child has about 10 spellings to learn for a weekly test on Monday.

Any questions about how you can help your child's learning, please feel free to catch one of us after school or make an appointment via the office.

Isaac Newton Class