



***'Being Better Every Day'***

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 5**

We are excited to share our fifth curriculum newsletter of the school year.

In **Term 5**, our unit title is **'War and Peace'**, and will now have a history focus.

*'This project teaches children about the Battle of Hastings. We will learn about the significance of Battle Abbey and its surrounding landscape. We will use learn about significant events, people and places in the locality of Battle.'*

During this unit, your child will attempt to answer the concept question:

**'How did William lead his team to victory?'**

(We have attached a 'Knowledge Organiser' for this unit, providing an overview of the topic; this should be a useful resource for pupils and parents.)

**Home Learning Project**

For each unit, we will ask your child to complete a home-learning project. We ask that every child has a go at completing a project that can be brought into school. For this topic, your child could

- **Create a map of Battle Abbey and its surrounding area**
- **Create a poster to attract people to visit Battle Abbey, including bold writing and pictures**
- **Write an information leaflet about the Battle of Hastings, including title, sub-headings and pictures.**
- **Create a 3D model of Battle Abbey**

**Images :** Below are some images to inspire your home-school projects.



Your child may wish to come up with their own idea for their home learning project. Your child may wish to complete their project by themselves or need your support in completing their project – either is fine and we look forward to see them.

We have also included a list of websites you could explore at home to help your child with their learning:

**Useful Websites:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiaCld6pANI> (why William won the battle)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCbXWkNiMLg> (William the Conqueror)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37645852> (Battle of Hastings)

Home learning projects should be completed by the **week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025**. If you have any questions about the home learning project, please contact your child's class teacher.

**Reading**

Reading is the single most important skill that children will learn and we expect every child to read at home every day. In Year 2, we expect every child to read with an adult for a minimum of 15 minutes every day. Reading takes on many forms and can take place just about anywhere, including the reading of labels and signs, and in magazines and comics. Parents and carers should record the daily reading activity in your child's **reading record**. Please ensure your child brings in their bookbag on **Mondays** so that their reading books can be changed. (Please contact me if you need a new reading record)

**Additional homework tasks**

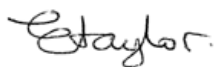
In addition, class teachers will set a 'homework menu' this term. This will contain a range of activities and subjects which children and families may choose to complete. The tasks and activities on this menu are optional.

**PE**

This term, our PE lesson will take place on **Monday** afternoons. Your child should wear their PE kit to school on this day. As our lessons may be outside, please ensure your child has their school PE kit and trainers for the lessons.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Taylor  
Year 2 Class Teacher

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