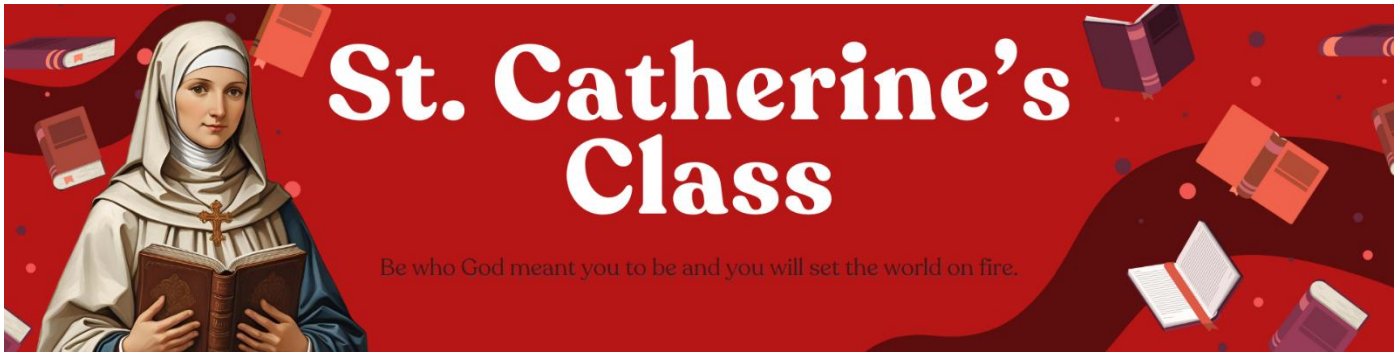


Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful half term and are looking forward to the busy (but **joyous**) term that awaits us. We will be starting our new history topic 'Invaders and Settlers' based on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

Some of the interesting genres and tasks will consist of: writing myths and legends stories, creating instructions for recipes, a twist on 'The Christmas Carol', delving deeper into how the Vikings invaded England, music, DT and in Science, we will be looking at forces in greater detail. This will include water and air resistance and mechanisms such as levers, pulleys and gears. I look forward to watching the children tackle all these challenges with the confidence and resilience they learned in Term 1.

The children will have plenty of in-house activities to look forward to this term; including a STEM workshop run by the Royal Airforce called Road to RIAT (Royal International Air Tattoo), Remembrance, Anti- Bullying week, Advent retreat, Nativity dress rehearsal and the Carol concert. Future dates for these will be in the newsletter.

Our DEAR time book is still: Thief by Malorie Blackman. Towards the end of the term, we will be reading Stepfather Christmas which is an advent calendar book- each chapter for each day!

Things to remember:

- Please continue to read with your child at least 5 times a week. Consistently reading these with your children really does help enable them to be the best they can be.
- PE kit, please can children come to school in their **PE kit** on **Mondays** and **Fridays**.
- Homework – this will be set on a Friday and will need to be in the following Wednesday. Please speak to me if printed copies are needed.
- Please ensure your child continues to bring a named water bottle in each day.

As ever, I am always on the playground at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns. If you need to contact me in another way, please email FAO Mrs Carr via admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk

Regards
Mrs Carr