

History

Our focus this term is the Vikings! During our history lessons this term, we will be finding out who the Vikings were, where they came from and why they came to Britain. We will be exploring different sources of information and artefacts to uncover what life might have been like under Viking rule. Through research, we will find out about some of the significant historical figures including Alfred the Great, Edward the Confessor and King Cnut and the impact they had on Britain today,

Design and Technology

Children will be designing and making their very own Viking longships this term. They will begin by exploring original ships used by the Vikings, as well as other types of ship, evaluating what makes them effective and what could be improved. They will then use a design criteria to generate their own ideas, creating a prototype model before making further developments and creating their final design (not to scale - thankfully!!)

PSHCE

In our 'Celebrating Difference' we will be discussing our perceptions of 'normality', understanding how we are all different and considering how we can enjoy and respect our differences. We will look at ways to tackle bullying and conflict to promote understanding and empathy.

Science

This term our science topic will be 'Properties of Materials'. During this unit children will learn designing and carrying out investigations to test materials for properties including magnetism, transparency, hardness, insulation and conductivity. They will then use this knowledge to classify and group materials, and suggest the most and least appropriate material for different purposes.

Maths

Year 5 will be looking at some aspects of multiplication and division, including multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, common multiples and common factors as well as exploring prime, square and cube numbers. They will then be learning about fractions – finding equivalents as improper and mixed numbers.

Year 6 will also be focussing on fractions this term, starting with recapping simplifying, comparing and ordering them. They will then move on to solving calculations involving fractions, including adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing them in different forms, before solving multi-step problems using fraction amounts.

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P.E.

This half term, Year 5 are going to be swimming every Wednesday developing their skills in coordination, breathing and the different swimming strokes, whilst gaining a vital understanding of water safety.

During this time, Year 6 will be having dance sessions, during which they will learn and perform key features of Street Dance and Physical Theatre, using choreographic devices to show conflict.

Together, Year 5 and 6 will have netball sessions, where we will make choices about which pass to use and where to shoot from, implement tactics to get free and move quickly around the court.

English

We will start this term, exploring the non-fiction book 'Viking Voyagers', to find out key information to help us write an informative (and humorous) set of instructions on 'How to be a Viking!' We will then be exploring graphic novels, using the book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' as our example text. Through this book, children will learn the unique elements of graphic novels, how to convert traditional text into a graphic novel format, how to read and analyse them for their literary aspects and then apply their skills to create their own graphic novel. Throughout both learning journeys, children will continue to develop their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills, as they develop maturity in their writing.

Guided reading sessions will happen daily.

Music

Year 5 and 6 will be enjoying Brass lessons this term with an external music teacher. With his expertise, they will learn breathing and finger techniques essential to playing their instruments effectively.

RE

Children will be learning about Christianity in the lead up to Christmas this term. Year 5 will explore the question 'Is the Christmas story true?' Year 6 will consider 'How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother?'

Computing

This term children will be introduced to the process of designing and creating interactive quizzes using Purple Mash's 2Quiz tool. Through exploring question types, adding creative features, and debugging, children will develop their technical skills and creativity while producing engaging quizzes for others to enjoy.