



Welcome back everyone! Our topic this Autumn term is a History and Geography based one entitled, "Raiders and Invaders!"

In English the children will write newspaper articles and news broadcasts, factual artefact writing, character descriptions, construct narrative and create atmosphere for story writing. The children will also be writing persuasive speeches and recounts linked to 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo, and will be exploring and writing different types of poetry. The children will also be given independent writing opportunities, e.g. free-writing book, weekly spellings and specific grammar teaching, guided and independent reading.

In Science, the children will be taught to explore the effects of friction on movement as well as explore the effects of air resistance and water resistance by making and testing boats of different shapes (History link).

In Maths the children in Year 5 and 6 will be covering the areas of: Reading and ordering numbers up to and beyond 1 million, rounding numbers, regular practise of mental methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to develop fluency and speed, use of the formal column method for adding and subtracting, use of formal short and long multiplication methods, use of formal short and long division methods, statistics and data and regular times tables practice and testing. The children will also be developing and applying correct mathematical language and given regular opportunities for problem solving.

In PSHE children will be given opportunities to develop a growth-mind-set and skills for learning.

In Art and D.T. lessons, the children will be given the opportunity to explore artefacts, crafts, patterns, motifs, pigments and dyes associated with Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They will also be able to select and use materials and equipment when designing and constructing for a given purpose (Science link).

In P.E. they will take part in small-sided invasion games, as well as indoor dance and gymnastics linked to the topic.

In Music lessons children will have the opportunity to explore composing and performing music linked with the topic.

In R.E. the children will look at how and why sacred texts are important to believers and describe how a story from sacred text may provide inspiration.

In Computing the children will learn how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly for research, as well as using Microsoft Word and Excel to collect, analyse, evaluate and present data and information.

In Geography, the children will locate European countries of significance to understand where the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came from and describe types of settlement and land use and explore how settlements have changed over time.

Oak class will have a talk from the "History Man" Paul Ullson and will also be going on a trip to the Novium Museum in Chichester to carry out an Anglo-Saxons workshop.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a **Wednesday** and be expected back the following **Tuesday**.

Homework will include spellings, reading, times tables, other work in English and Mathematics. Occasionally some topic work or a research project will be sent out too.

Reminders

Please could the children remember to bring a pair of wellingtons to school for the field when it gets wet.

Please could the children remember to bring in their **reading log and reading book every day**.

Please could the children be prompt handing back their homework books.

P.E. Kits

P.E. will be on a **Monday and Friday afternoons**. Please could the children remember a sweat-shirt, tracksuit bottoms, shorts and trainers every week.