

Class 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Our topic this Half Term is 'Traders and Raiders'. Big and strong, powerful and brave, the Saxons wave their battle axes and brandish their swords as they begin to invade Britain's shores. We will sail back to the Dark Ages, where battles were rife and fear reigned. Finding out about the lives of the Saxons, including how they lived and where they came from. We will be meeting the bloodthirsty Vikings from Scandinavia – never before had such terror swept the land.

English

Our class text this Half Term is 'Anglo Saxon boy' by Tony Bradman. We will begin our writing with a setting description based on how the Anglo Saxons would have first perceived the British coastlines on arrival. Our aim is to use a range of language including adjectives, expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and prepositions to paint a clear and vivid picture in our reader's minds. After our setting descriptions, we will be writing poetry based on old Anglo Saxon and Viking accounts of important people.

Maths

We are starting our Maths learning this Half Term by finishing off some addition and subtraction. Later in the Spring term, we will move on to multiplication and division. Our Year 4s will be battling away with their Times Tables as the Multiplication check gets closer every day!

History

History is at the centre of our 'Traders and Raiders' topic as we will be exploring how the Anglo Saxons and Vikings lived. We will work through a timeline from 400AD to 1066 and analyse how the key events changed Britain along the way. We have an Anglo-Saxon experience day lined up which will help bring our learning to life. The trip will also help us build a project board including information about Anglo Saxon and Viking food, houses, beliefs and general way of life.

Science

This Half Term we are exploring electricity. The class have been showing their prior knowledge and analysing key vocabulary. We will be investigating conductors of electricity and electrical circuits. Towards the end of the half term, the children will be conducting electrical experiments based around drawing and building working circuits for a common purpose.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'How do festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims?'. The children will be exploring what is important to Muslims and how their worship routines and festivals reflect that.

Music

We are focusing on a song called 'Stop' by Joanna Mangona this Half Term. The song was created with an anti-bullying theme. The children will also be practising musical extracts for their Proms night!

MFL

This Half Term Class 3 will be learning about 'food glorious food' by using simple French phrases. By joining in with the story, the class will learn the vocabulary for a range of food, to express likes and dislikes, and to count and use plural nouns.

Computing

Our first computing focus this Half Term will be based around E-Safety. We also have a 'Safer Internet day' coming up which highlights the importance of staying safe online. When we can make safe choices online, we will be using the chrome books to explore online networks and how technology is used all around us.

PE

Our PE focus this Half Term is Dance. We will be exploring the Anglo Saxons through dance. We are following a 6-part lesson series which tells the stories of the Anglo-Saxon legacy through movement and dance.

Art/DT

Our Art focus this half term will be on sculpture. We are lucky enough to invite Laura in to work with us on some Anglo-Saxon pottery. We will be exploring how the Anglo Saxons created pottery for a variety of reasons before trying to create our own.

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