

Maths

In the first half term we will be focusing on revisiting and reinforcing place value. This will include rounding numbers, comparing and ordering them and counting in large steps.

We will then move onto subtraction and addition (for those children very secure in these, they will be solving problems which will require them to use these skills in a variety of contexts). We will very much focus on securing mental and written strategies and understanding the process of these. We will then recap and continue with work on negative numbers, following on from Year 4.

Finally we will be doing some work on statistics which will involve being able to read and interpret graphs and tables.

In all maths lessons, children will have access to concrete resources (actual items they can hold and use to help them) to support them with their learning. Learning will be through talk, games, problem solving and investigations with an encouragement to learn through their mistakes.

You can support your child with maths by including it in every day tasks- telling the time, reading timetables, weighing ingredients.

Music

The class will be continuing with learning the recorder, taught by Mrs Virgoe. They will also have music lessons with Miss Johnston.

English

This half term we will be reading and studying the Michael Morpurgo version of the ancient tale of Beowulf. A story of warriors and monsters, bravery and fear, we are hoping the children will be excited and inspired to write their own imaginative pieces around this tale.

Within reading, we will be focusing on inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence from the text.

Spellings will be a focus on and revision of the year 3 and 4 spellings, moving onto the year 5 ones. We will also be teaching spelling patterns.

Grammar will be a real focus on basic sentence punctuation with a zero tolerance approach! Please also insist on this at home with any homework.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Religious Education (RE)

PSHE – We will be working through our scheme 'Jigsaw' with the focus of 'Being Me in my World - I can identify my goals for this year.'

RE- The children will be looking at the order of the main events in Christianity. Then we will be studying these in more detail, discussing them and completing written work linked to the themes arising.

Please help your child in these areas by discussing what they have done at school.

Autumn 1- 2023 Year 5 – Awesome Anglo-Saxons and Beowulf the Brave!

P.E.

In PE we will be having two sessions a week, one outdoors and one indoors.

In outdoor PE we will be doing Athletics– developing and practising the skills involved.

In indoor PE we will be doing gymnastics – finding ways to travel on apparatus using different levels, shapes and body parts. The children will get the opportunity to use the large apparatus and wall bars.

Computing

We will be learning about search engines. We will be considering the reliability of information that can be found online and what to check for. Understanding an using keywords effectively and considering copyright and fair use will also be explored. We will also be comparing book research with online research and learning about 'web crawlers' which rank search results online.

Science

Our topic will be all about forces. We will learn all about gravity, air and water resistance and friction through practical and fun experiments! Any extra research undertaken at home and we would love to see it!

Art

Our art focus will be very much linked to our topic by researching and exploring Anglo-Saxon arts and crafts. This will mean we will be learning about craftspeople of the past and then creating our own artwork inspired by what we have found. We will be improving our drawing skills within this project.

History

Our focus will be on the invasion of England by the Anglo-Saxons. We will review and learn about the general timeline of British history and where this period fits in. We will then also study settlements and villages plus the arts and crafts of these people. Finally we will learn about the impact they had on our country. This will be done by looking at sources of evidence and examining and debating the reliability of these sources.

A good website is:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/saxons/when.htm>

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

In French we will recap on previous learning then develop and learn new vocabulary in order to be able to converse in French in a basic way and know the commonly used words.