

English:

The children will be learning to write a non-chronological report to inform primary school aged children about Vikings, their way of life and the impact they had on Britain. We will practice using subheadings to categorise our information into paragraphs, which will be written in a formal and informative tone.

For our fictional piece, we will be writing a character description of Grendel – a character from our class book for this half term 'Beowulf'. We will be reading this fantastic text as our class book this half-term.

Art:

In our art topic this half term, we will be exploring craft and design through the fabric of nature. Children will be using skills such as using natural themes and pattern making to create their very own fabric design.

French

The children will continue to develop their understanding of the French language by learning how to discuss sports, opinions and justifications.

RE:

This half term, we will continue to explore the 5 Pillars of Islam, focusing on learning about the pillars of Sawm, Zakaah and Hajj.

PE:

In PE this half term, Rob Burrow Class will be developing their football and athletics skills.

Frida Kahlo class will be swimming this half-term, and will also be developing their skills in athletics.

Maths:

In this half term, the children will begin their new topic – shape. In this topic, they will revisit prior learning around the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, learn how to describe rotations around a point and also identify different types of angles.

After our shape topic, we will begin to learn about statistics and will practice interpreting information from a variety of graphs. We will then end Year 4 with our Position and Direction topic.

Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Science: Electricity

In our science topic this half term, the children will be learning about electrical circuits. They will learn which materials are insulators and conductors and how to make simple circuits with switches, they will be able to identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit and identify common appliances that run on electricity.

History:

Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Our main topic this half term will explore the history of England, focusing on the invasion of the Anglo-Saxons, why they came to settle in Britain and how we know they did. Also, we will be discovering how the country changed when Christianity was introduced and how the Anglo-Saxons managed to resist the invasion of Viking raiders. In addition, the pupils will learn about Alfred the Great and will speculate as to how 'The Dark Ages' earned their name. This knowledge will be demonstrated through the creation of a non-chronological report centred around Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

Computing:

In computing this half-term, we will be exploring how to use spreadsheets and how this skill can link to everyday life.

French:

In French this half term, we will be learning how to answer the question 'what is the weather like?' by learning how to discuss the temperature and the clothes suited to particular weather conditions.

Music:

In music, the children will explore the topic of 'time', in which they will learn how to identify metre in a piece of music, and determine what story the music is trying to tell.

PSHE:

In our PSHE lessons this half term, we will be focusing on how we manage risks in different places. We will be discussing how to keep safe in the local environment and less familiar locations, how to keep safe online, how people can be influenced by their peers and the importance of rules and restrictions within our laws and how they keep people safe.