



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'The Vikings'. The children will be researching how the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain. We will explore the Anglo-Saxon runic alphabet as well as researching one of the Pagan Gods. As a class, we will be solving the mystery of Sutton Hoo by looking at a range of sources as our evidence.

Within our geography lessons, the children will locate and explore the routes travelled by the Vikings and plot these on a map. They will also explore life in Scandinavia and compare this to the UK.

During our Art and DT lessons, the children will be reinforcing their learning by designing, creating and evaluating Nordic emblems, longboats and shields.

Our Computing lessons will involve the children designing and reviewing a Viking themed game and using word processing skills to design our own menu for a Viking feast.



English

We will be using a range of texts that link to our Viking topic to deepen our understanding. We will begin with writing our own descriptions of battle scenes and of the life of a Viking out at sea. This will allow us to use lots of adventurous vocabulary and a range of sentence types. The children will be exploring the texts and characters through the use of drama techniques such as freeze frames, hot-seating and thought-tracking. This will lead onto writing our own play scripts based on the popular Viking tale, "The Sword in the Stone." We will be focusing our skills upon the use of stage directions, characterisation and the use of accurate punctuation.



Mathematics

To begin this term, the children will be developing their knowledge of number and place value. The children will use concrete manipulatives and pictorial diagrams to recap representing numbers up to 1 million. Building on their learning from year 4, the children will compare and order numbers and learn the new skill of rounding to the nearest 100,000. Following on from this, we will then focus on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). In addition to this, the children will be using their knowledge of the four operations to solve multi-step problems.

Science

This term, the children will be beginning their new topic, 'Properties and changes of materials.' We will be looking at the properties of everyday materials and how this links to their purpose. We will be carrying out a range of investigations based on dissolving, evaporation, filtration and looking at reversible and irreversible changes. Also, we will be researching the properties of solids, liquids and gases.

Enrichment

- We will be visiting Dane Law on Wednesday 26th September.
- We will be having a Bonfire Night safety talk on 18th October.

Important Dates & Information

- Swimming will take place on Tuesday (5F) and Friday (5D).
- PE will take place on Thursday.