

Year 5 Autumn Term

The children have returned to school for a new year with a fantastic attitude. We are looking forward to lots of exciting topics and lessons in Year 5. Below is an overview of some of the things we will be studying this term. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. **Mrs Lewis and Miss Bickley**

Design Technology

In DT, we will look at the clothing worn by Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and we will be completing our own Viking weaving, using a loom and wool. We will also design and make our own Viking shields.

Computing

In our topic lessons, we will use digital maps such as 'google maps' to locate countries and counties. We will also use the programme Scratch to create a Viking raid animation. We will also evaluate the effectiveness of different search engines by comparing results.

Geography

In Geography, we will be studying Northern Europe and Scandinavia (the homelands of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings). We will use google maps to learn about some of the physical and human features of these areas. We will compare these with the features of the UK. We will also look at the country of Iceland, which was invaded by the Vikings. When the Vikings arrived in Iceland, they would have encountered volcanoes for the first time. We will study how volcanoes form and where in the world most mountains and volcanoes are located.

History

In History, we will be studying the period of time following the Roman's withdrawal from Britain in 410 A.D. We will learn about the Anglo-Saxons who invaded Britain, their way of life, their beliefs and the countries that they originated from. We will learn about how the Vikings invaded Britain after the Anglo-Saxons, and how the country was divided and ruled.

P.E.

In our PE lessons we will be learning to play Netball. We will develop different passes such as chest pass, shoulder pass and bounce pass. We will develop our defensive and attacking skills. We will also be going Swimming every Wednesday morning for the first few weeks of term.

Maths

In Maths, we will begin by revising our understanding of place value and securing our ability to read, write and partition numbers to 1 million. We will then spend a couple of weeks focusing upon addition and subtraction strategies, before moving onto other topics such as factors and prime numbers, multiplying and dividing, angles and length, perimeter and area.

English

We will start the term by looking at descriptive writing. We will look at different examples of descriptive writing by famous authors, and use this to help us improve our own writing. We will then revisit different aspects of grammar such as sentence structures, word classes, prepositions and adverbials. We will move onto Myths and Legends, and then onto non-fiction writing.