

Class 3

Our topic for this term is "Anglo-Saxons & Vikings"

I hope the following information is useful in supporting your child in his or her work at school and at home. The children in Class 3 will get homework once a week; this will be given on a Friday and should be returned on the following Tuesday. This will be linked to work done in class that week; it could be Literacy, Mathematics or Topic based. I also would encourage them to practise their spellings and times tables at home, as well as reading to an adult as much as possible. I do not mind what they read at home, it does not have to be their reading book. However, if you could log it in their reading records and sign, that would be brilliant! Thank you.

Miss Clark

Literacy

Pupils will be learning how to write their own 'pirate adventure story'. We will be reading the story of 'Peter Pan' and using the idea of 'Neverland' to help set our own settings for our stories. Whilst looking at adventure stories, we will be reading extracts from 'Viking Boy' and 'Vulgar the Viking' to learn about life in the Viking times, as well as discussing the features of adventure stories themselves. Our non-fiction topic this term will be instruction writing. This will be linked to the practical design technology work we will be doing linked to our topic. We will also be looking at the features of play scripts and hopefully writing our own! During lessons, the children will be given opportunities to improve their speaking and listening skills through role play. The children will be taking part in guided reading sessions three times a week, 'Book Talk'. This encourages the children to read as a group, with a partner and individually and to talk about their book using specific questioning linked to the assessment criteria.

Mathematics

The children will continue to develop their mathematical skills this term, working at a level which is appropriately challenging for their ability, following the White Rose Maths scheme of work.

Year 3 will be looking at:

Fractions- finding equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, comparing and ordering fractions.

Time- months and years, hours in a day, telling the time to 5 minutes and then moving onto minutes, AM and PM, 24 hour clock, finding and comparing duration, looking at start and end times and measuring time in seconds.

Properties of shapes- turns and angles, right angles in shapes, compare angles, drawing shapes, horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines, recognise 2D and 3D shapes, make 3D shapes.

Mass and capacity- measure, compare, add and subtract mass and capacity.

Year 4 will be looking at:

Decimals- understanding a whole, writing, comparing, ordering and rounding decimals and looking at halves and quarters as decimals.

Money- pounds and pence, ordering amounts of money, using rounding to estimate money and problems including the four operations.

Time- converting hours, minutes and seconds, years, months, weeks and days, analogue to digital.

Statistics- interpret charts and line graphs.

Properties of shapes- identify, compare and order angles, quadrilaterals, triangles and symmetry.

Position and direction- describe position and move and draw on a grid.

Science

The science topics for this term are 'Solids, liquids and separation' and 'Characteristics of materials'.

The children will separate materials based around a pirates treasure hunt and will be focusing on floating and sinking linked to our Viking topic.

Information and Communication Technology

The children will be creating their own Anglo-Saxon village using ICT and will continue to use ICT to research and present their work in best.

Religious Education

We will be looking at 'encounters' with a focus on the key question 'what makes a place sacred?' The children will be discussing places that are special to them and looking at places of worship for different religions. We will be looking at the features of a Christian Church and other places of worship. The children will be visiting St Martin's Church.

MFL

Focusing on French, the children will be looking at introducing themselves, colours, numbers, age and adjectives. Using the Ilanguages programme, the children are beginning to not only be able to say sentences in French but also write the sentences themselves.

Topic work- History and Geography

The children will be learning about where the Anglo-Saxons & Vikings were from, who they were, about family life, religion and how they wrote to one another. We will be building on our map reading skills and using atlases to find continents and countries associated with the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

Art & Design Technology

This will be linked to our topic work; the children will be creating their own Anglo-Saxon village, Sutton-Hoo masks and sketching different artefacts. The children will be encouraged to use a range of different media. They will be designing and making their own Viking ship and linking this to their Science work.

Music

The children in year 4 will continue learning the guitar once a week on a Tuesday. We will be listening to some of Mozart and Abba's work and comparing the two. The children will be singing songs ready for the 'Big Sing' and getting ready for our end of year performance.

Physical Education

The children will be learning how to play Tennis and taking part in Athletics activities. We will also be having some games of cricket and rounders and completing a series of gymnastics lessons based around symmetry and asymmetry.

PSHCE

We will still be following the Laughology- happy schools scheme and will be focusing on support and achievement and success.