

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Spring Term 2



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English

During this half term of English we are going to continue to base our writing around our topic of the Anglo-Saxons. We are all very excited to look at some of the popular myths that were passed on through generations and have become some of the most famous stories of all time. Firstly we will be looking at the story of Beowulf. He was a Scandinavian warrior who saved Denmark from the gruesome beast Grendel. We will use role play and forest schools to develop a good understanding of the plot before the pupils write their very own versions of this inspiring myth!

Maths

We have been very impressed with UKS2's maths knowledge this year and we are going to continue to challenge ourselves through a variety of reasoning and problem solving activities. Year 6 will be looking at properties of shape which includes everything from angles to nets of shape. First of all, however, we will explore the differences between area, volume and perimeter and create formulas that allow us to find these! Soon we will be able to use a formula to find the area of any triangle!

Forest Schools

In Forest Schools, we will be using our school grounds to continue to explore the conditions the Anglo-Saxons would have lived in. Using the fire pit, we will cook different foods that were available throughout the different seasons, as well as how they had to use the natural resources around them to create homes, tools and weaponry. We will then use our shelter building equipment to create our very own Anglo-Saxon settlement.

Topic: Anglo-Saxons

Now that we have a superb understanding of the Battle of Hastings and how the Anglo-Saxons fell under Norman rule. We will be looking closely at how this change in leadership effected the people of England at the time, as well investigating the legacy that it has had on Britain, even on our modern day society. Did you know that much of the English language is an amalgamation of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman-French languages?

Science/Computing

Our science topic for this half term follows on nicely from electricity as we start to explore light. We will investigate how we can prove that light travels in straight lines by looking at the shadows that different objects create. We will then try and explain why objects that we see are a whole variety of colours and how light enters our eye.

In computing, we will be linking our knowledge of maths and data and exploring how we can use different computer programs to create graphs and charts that represent our findings from surveys!

Homework

Maths, spelling and reading homework will go out every **Wednesday** and will need to be returned on the following **Monday**.

Please try to work with your child to facilitate their learning at home.

P.E.

We love PE in Year 5/6 and we have lots of exciting, energetic and, most importantly, fun activities planned for the year ahead! Therefore, it is really important that we are kitted out correctly. We suggest bringing PE kit into school on a Monday and taking it home to be washed on a Friday to avoid children without kit.

Dates for your Diary

06.03.2019—Parent Consultations—School Closes @ 12pm.

07.03.2019—World Book Day—Dress as your favourite character from a book.

15.03.2019—Science Morning

19.03.2019—Internet Safety Parents Workshop (2—3pm)

29.03.2019—School Closes for Easter (Return—15.04.2019)