



Year 3 Autumn Term, 2017-18

Half-term 1 – Dragons

Half-term 2 – Vikings and Saxons

As geographers, we will use maps, atlases and computer maps to map the journeys of Saxons and Vikings to Ancient Britain, and locate Cumnor and Oxford on maps. We will look at Wantage – birthplace of Alfred. In physical geography we will learn about key local features – why did invaders settle where they did?

As Historians, we will study Saxon England, Viking raids and invasion, Alfred the Great, Danegeld, Viking gods, myths and monsters, Valhalla, Anglo-Saxon laws and justice, Edward the Confessor and 1066.

As scientists, we will learn about human beings and other animals; digestion, muscles and skeletons. We will study forces, focusing on friction and magnetism.

As artists, we will be drawing, painting and producing a 'dragon collage'.

English

In keeping with our dragon topic, we will be studying Cressida Cowell's 'How to Train Your Dragon', as well as dragon poems and old English tales such as 'Beowulf'.

The children will also study non-fiction texts about the Vikings and Saxons, learn to 'make notes', and produce reports of their own. We will look at picture books, instruction and explanation texts, and letter-writing.

In addition, we will focus specifically on handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Maths

We will be focusing on the following areas:

Number and place value
Addition and subtraction
Multiplication and division (inc revising and learning x2, x5, x10, x3, x4 'tables')
Fractions
Money
Measurement
Telling the time
Geometry
Data

Computing

We will learn more about e-safety using the 'SMART' rules. We will continue to learn about computer coding, creating games and making things happen, using 'Espresso Coding'.

PE

We will play a variety of games based on TAG (non-contact) rugby. The children will create and perform 'dragon dances'.

We will also discuss the importance of having a full PE kit in school!

French

We will be learning how to say 'hello', 'how are you?' and other simple French words and phrases.

Music

Weekly music lessons will continue to be based around guitar tuition and musical notation. The children will also learn dragon-themed songs to perform.

RE

We will explore the ritual of communion and other ways of belonging to the Christian church.

Technology

We will be designing and making Viking shields. We will learn to weave like Saxons.

Enrichment:

We will spend a day at Hill End Field Centre looking at 'Ancient Settlements' and living as Saxons and Vikings for the day.

SMSC

We will be learning how to have a 'positive mindset', and how to overcome difficulties and help each other. We will try to live up to our class motto; 'Work hard and be nice'.