

Our theme for Autumn 1 is:

INVADERS!



Our main focuses are:

- To learn about the Vikings and how their invasions of Britain affected people living there
- To find out about why groups of people move around the world
- Looking at the geographical features of our country and those around us

Our theme will last for:

6 weeks



French

This half term, we will be talking about the pets that we have. By the end of the half term, we will be able to spell the names of the animals, say if we have a pet and say how old they are. We will also be able to ask others if they have any pets.



Key Questions for Discussion

Questions we will be discussing:

- What is an adventure to you?
- What makes a place a home?
- If you could only take a few possessions with you, what would you take?



Behaviour & Safety

What is the rule of law? Why is it important to follow the rules? We will be discussing these ideas as a class and thinking about how these impact our life at school.

Personal, Health, Social and Education (P.H.S.E)

This half term we will begin our 'No Outsiders' scheme. We will study a book with a focus on considering consequences.

P.E.

For P.E. this half term we will be developing our competitive spirit through tennis. Please ensure that you bring in your P.E. kit and water bottle. Our P.E. day is Thursday. Please ensure that your child's P.E. kit is appropriate for being outside.

Swimming will commence on Monday 12th September for 5JAG (Ospreys) and 5BO (Hawks) and will run for 9 weeks.

English

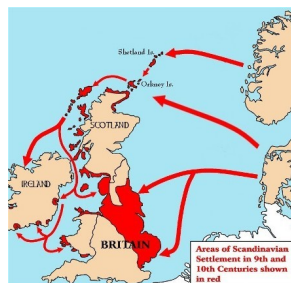
For this topic all of our English learning will be based on the novel 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman. This novel links wonderfully to our Invaders topic and the children will have a brilliant understanding of the text by the end of the half term.

We will be continuing to focus on our grammar and sentence construction, which we will use to help us write extracts of non-fiction texts. Using exciting examples of these text types, we will be writing:

- A setting description of the Valkyries arrival
- Speech between Gunnar and the old man
- Descriptions of the main characters
- A prediction of what will happen next in the story



If you would like to support your child's reading at home, have a go at creating a mini quiz on the book they are reading or making predictions on what could happen next!



Music

In Music, we will be learning the notes on a recorder in order to play a simple tune.

History

We will become historians during this half-term and look in detail at the history of the Vikings. We will be learning about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.

Geography

As we look at the Vikings, we will be finding out about where they were from and where they explored. Through this, the children will be finding out about the different continents of the world and their geographical features.

Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes, as a minimum everyday. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Our vocabulary and spellings that we will be practising and look at over the half term will be shared via Seesaw and these can be discussed, practised and looked at whilst at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of words and see if they can put them in to a sentence! An optional Maths. and English home will be set via Seesaw on a weekly basis. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers.

Key dates:

Monday 19th September—Parents and Carers' meeting

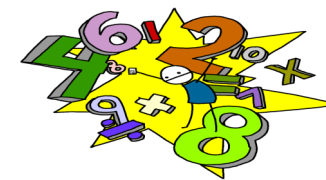
Mathematics

Oh no! Ethelred the Unready is unready for how exciting our Maths. is going to be in Year 5 - thank goodness the Vikings have come along to help. During this half term, we will be beginning our first units which will cover a range of key skills that will underpin the Mathematics work we do during the rest of the year.

We will be focusing on:

- place value of numbers up to 1 million
- negative numbers
- rounding whole and decimal numbers
- identifying square and cube numbers as well as factors, multiples and prime numbers
- using written methods to add and subtract, then applying those skills to problems
- using written methods to multiply four digit numbers by a one digit number

Throughout these units will be applying our skills to reasoning and problem solving activities. At home, it would be wonderful if you could continue to practise times tables with your children in a variety of ways.



Art and Design Technology

During our Art lessons, we will be focussing on the long boats and creating lots of art work, using a range of materials, based on the long boats and the scenery behind them.



Computing

This half term, we will be focusing on E-safety and cyber bullying and teaching the children how to stay safe when online.



R.E.

We will be exploring Christianity—who is a Christian and what do they believe? How do Christians show and express their beliefs?

