

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.



Philosophy for Children (P.4.C.)

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

This half term's focus will be on British Values (the rule of law) and our P.S.H.C.E. lessons will focus on the importance of understanding and following rules.

P.E.

To help us on our adventures, we will be developing our swimming skills. Our sessions will take place Monday mornings starting a few weeks into term. There will be another P.E. session in the week in addition to our swimming lessons. In these sessions, we will be developing our competitive spirit through invasion games. It would be great if your child could have their P.E. kits in school at all times.

English

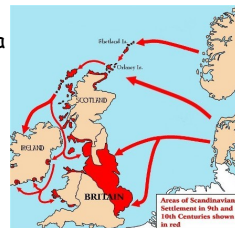
This half term, all of our English learning will be based on the novel 'Odd and the Frost Giants' by Neil Gaiman. This novel links wonderfully to our Invaders topic and the children will have a brilliant understanding of the text by the end of the half term.



As part of this focus we will be considering the characters and the setting by completing a range of different written activities, including:

- A letter from Odd's father before he tragically dies in an incident at sea.
- A diary entry from Odd after he receives the letter.
- Descriptions of the main characters.
- Completing a missing chapter of the novel to really showcase the children's thorough understanding of what they have read.

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, the pupils' learning will link to our class topic *Invaders*. They will develop their singing voices while learning the song *Viking Rock* and will develop their musical knowledge of call and response, dynamics and texture. They will also develop their learning of pulse and rhythm by creating accompaniments to go with the song.

History

We will become historians during this half-term and look in detail at the history of the Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons. We will be thinking about why these people went on their adventures, what happened to the places that they lived in and how their lives changed as a result.

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 spend 20 minutes reading with your child everyday and ensure that your child is recording what they have read in their reading journal.

Your child will be set weekly spellings; please make sure that they are practising them regularly at home.

This half term, the theme of our homework is 'We are architects'.

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. To start the year, we will be focusing on sniffing out some intriguing number patterns, investigating different number systems and solving tricky problems using a range of calculations. Some of the things that we will look at include:

- Identifying common factors, multiples and prime numbers.
- Generating our own number sequences and describing others.
- Refining our place value skills and working with decimal numbers
- Brushing up on our mental Maths. skills.
- Solving a range of different problems that include all 4 of the operations.
- Taking ownership over our learning by finding ways to check our own work using the 4 operations.

If you would like to help your child at home, it would be really beneficial if you could practise mental maths. strategies—why not have a go at adding up the door numbers on the journey to school or trying to order the numbers that appear on car registration plates! Remember, Maths. is everywhere!



Art

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. We will also look at different aspects of Viking life by creating our own shields and using the runic alphabet to create our own name stones.

Computing

This half term, we will be conquering coding! This will involve us exploring sequences, or algorithms, to put into action a series of instructions; using these algorithms, we can start to make our own amazing Viking raid computer games!

Important Dates:

Thursday 13th September—5CL Family assembly.

