

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 look at Viking trade and how it differs to today's trade around the world
- Looking at the geographical features of our country and those around us

Our theme will last for:
7 weeks and 4 days



French

This half term, the children will describe themselves in terms of height and character, eye colour and hair length and colour. We will also develop a simple understanding of Viking history, and increase the amount of French verbs that we know.



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 in our School' scheme. We will study a book with a focus on considering consequences for our actions.

P.E.

For P.E. this half term, we will be developing our competitive spirit through handball. Please ensure that you bring in your P.E. kit and water bottle. Our P.E. day is **Friday**. Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kits in school and earrings/jewellery are removed.

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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 focussing on our grammar and sentence construction, which we will showcase in a character description, setting description and non-chronological report. Using exciting examples of these text types, we will be consolidating:

- The three different sentence types
- Accurate use of punctuation
- The use of adverbials, specifically fronted adverbials
- Organisational devices such as paragraphs, subheadings and bullet points



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 and thinking about the question: How does music bring us together?

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 climates between countries and their different 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:

- Friday 29th August: Wonder Noon
- Wednesday 3rd September - Meet the Teacher (more information to follow)
- Monday 8th September- Swimming starts (See PE section)
- Friday 10th October - World Mental Health Day
- Wednesday 15th October- No Pen Wednesday

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
- Using our place value knowledge to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000

Throughout these units, we 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 child in a variety of ways and apply them to word problems.



Art and Design Technology

During our Art lessons, we will be focussing on the technique of 'layering'. We will be exploring how to express emotion and mood through the use of colour. We will create pieces of art work related to the Vikings!



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, Hinduism and Judaism. We will be learning about different religious ceremonies, clothing and symbols, as well as looking at what the words 'sacred' and 'holy' mean to different communities.

