

ENGLISH: This half term we will be reading, listening to and exploring different versions of Beowulf — the legendary Anglo-Saxon saga of a warrior from overseas who slays monsters. Inspired by the story, the children will describe Beowulf and Grendel and work towards writing diary entries in the role before moving on to write their biography. Powerful vocabulary will continue to be a focus as will grammar and sentence structure.

MATHS: Our focus this half term will be consolidating our knowledge of addition and subtraction using formal methods — revisiting and building upon our learning in Year 3 and work towards using larger numbers (4 digits+) before moving on to multiplication and division; recognising factors and multiples. Part of each week will also be spent working on developing our reasoning and problem solving skills. As always, we will have lots of times tables practise.

SCIENCE: This half term we will be studying animals, including humans; digestion and teeth. Children will compare the skeletons of humans and animals, including teeth. They will also explore the digestive system through a series of (possibly) messy activities.

DT: Both classes will be investigating why a healthy and varied diet is important, researching and investigating sandwich fillings. They will also use clay to design, make and evaluate a hammer shaped pendant to represent the Viking God Thor.

RE: The Big Question for this half term is: How does the story of Rama and Sita inspire Hindus to follow their dharma? Understanding duty, responsibility and making the right choices in all

MFL: During 'En Famille' children will be introduced to French vocabulary to introduce family members.



Anglo-Saxons & Vikings

Vocabulary: artefact, betrayal, Christian, Danelaw, digest, migrate, pagan, runes, settlement, Valhalla

PSHE: In our 'My Emotions' unit, the children will learn to recognise and describe emotions in themselves and others and communicate these feelings. Anti-Bullying week will also take place.

Geography: The children will learn about how the natural landscape influenced the location of settlements and the origins of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

History: Children will explore the lives of both Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and the similarities and differences between these invaders and settlers including their religious beliefs, significant events and the influence of the rulers Alfred the Great and King Cnut. We will also go in search of the Anglo-Saxons at Peterborough Cathedral.

Forest School: will be linked with our Topic of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings—beginning with discovering ancient settlements, their physical features and the significant roles individuals played within them.

PE: Both Dance and Gymnastics sessions will take place this half term. The Haka, will be the focus for Dance and the principles of balance during Gymnastics lessons.

Music: Using our Charanga programme, children will have a variety of exercises and tasks focussing on the anti-bullying rap 'Stop!' - linking with their work in PSHE.

Computing: Children will have the opportunity to use lots of skills and develop new ones by using SeeSaw, power point, word etc. They will also use Purple Mash to learn about effective searching.