

A Kingdom United - Spring 2

Our next topic is called 'A Kingdom United' and is focused around the Anglo-Saxons and places in the UK.

English

We will study the story The Water Horse which is based on the legend of the Loch Ness Monster. We will focus on the language used by the author; drawing inferences around characters' thoughts, feelings, motivations and actions and we will then plan and write our own legends based on what we have learnt.

We will also focus on creating and punctuating complex sentences, adding relative clauses, using parentheses, blend action, dialogue and description within paragraphs and we will continually develop our drafting and editing skills.

We will develop our skills with persuasive writing, exploring the features, language and presentation and refine skimming and scanning techniques. We will read lots of persuasive texts before writing our own, using the features that we have identified.

How you can help: whilst your child is reading to you, encourage them to locate challenging vocabulary, discuss the meaning with them and get them to use it in their own sentence; talk about the story so far and make predictions using clues in the text; encourage them to say why they think or believe in something using words such as 'because'; continue to learn spellings with your child making it fun by using the activities sheet that I have sent home; talk about the ideas and learning on your child's reading bookmark.

Maths

We will spend a large chunk of this half-term on fractions, decimals and percentages. Now that we have a good knowledge of place value, we can push our thinking further. We will also continue to consolidate our knowledge of the times tables and do some work on 3D shape.

How you can help: continue to learn the times tables with your child and get them involved with as much real world problem solving as possible. They can help you to work out costs and change when out and about, help them to see shapes and patterns as you travel around and help them to learn key facts such as how many centimetres are in a metre and what a prime number is. Mathsframe has some good activities, many of which are free and I also like multiplication.com because it has some really fun games that can be customised.

www.mathsframe.co.uk

www.multiplication.com

www.activelearnprimary.com

R.E.

Our overall theme this half-term is Lent. We will focus on the story of Lent and Holy Week and will explore what is involved in making sacrifices and how we can move close to God during Lent.

History

This is a key subject this half-term and we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons. We begin by looking at why they came and where they came from before moving on to how they lived their lives and what legacies they left behind. We look at Sutton Hoo as a key place and try to identify what we can learn from different types of historical sources.

Geography

We are focusing on the UK in Geography this half-term. We will look at how the UK is made up of different countries and we will study aspects of those countries, such as capital cities, anthems and flags before moving on to learning more about the geography of England. We will study some physical aspects and key places of interest in England as well as how areas are split into counties. We will be doing lots of map work this half-term, linked to computing.

P.E.

On Monday afternoons, we will be doing Hockey. We will look at the skills required to play the game well and will go on to play some small games against each other focusing on skills and tactics.

On Wednesday afternoons, we will go swimming. We will walk to Kirkham Baths and then have an hour lesson with a fully qualified swimming teacher. Please come and see me if your child has any anxieties about swimming lessons.

Computing

We will look at using online maps to help us identify what places are like. We will explore how to change the maps for different purposes and consider who might use different types of maps in their everyday life. We will gather information about places around the UK using mapping tools and will create a presentation about London.

Modern Foreign Language - French

Year 5 will be taught French by Mrs. Spacey on Friday mornings.

Music

Year 5 will continue to be taught by Mrs. Mallinson, on Friday mornings.