

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Ospreys

Autumn 2019



Our History Theme:
Here Come The Invaders

Our Christian Values:

Caring Commitment to Achieve Co-operation
Fairness Honesty Respect



Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you have enjoyed the Summer Holiday and that the children are ready to return to learning and developing their skills and knowledge.

During this Autumn Term, we will be learning about the Vikings and how their movement to Britain shaped our country. Our Wow day aimed to capture their interest and it will give them a taste of the fascinating facts they will uncover. We have a number of activities planned to enhance their learning throughout the term including a visit to the Jorvik Centre and DIG in York.

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Our theme is 'Here Come The Invaders'.
On our WOW day we will be interviewing a Viking and learning about Viking life.
As part of our Exit day, we will create an exhibition on Viking life.

English

In English, we will have daily reading sessions. These aim to develop each child's ability to understand and discuss the language that they encounter. The children will work in smaller groups focusing on key skills across a range of texts. As a class, we will be reading Beowulf, an old Norse legend. This version has been retold by Michael Morpurgo. We will be using this text as our starting point for a range of writing, particularly narrative pieces.

Our written work will continue to focus on developing sentence structure through grammatical skills. We aim for the children to write for longer periods and develop the characters, and descriptions, in their writing. Their vocabulary and writing skills will be helped by regular reading of high quality books. We hope they can access these in school, the library or from recommendations.

Spelling and handwriting continue to have great importance. The children will learn a spelling rule each week and practise this rule as part of their class work and homework. They will also learn a handful of words from the Y5 and Y6 list. All of these can be found in their new Reading Record.

Mathematics

In Maths this term, we will begin by exploring the place value of numbers. This includes Roman numerals, numbers up to 10 million and rounding numbers to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand will. We will then be developing the addition and subtraction skills along with multiplication and division methods. For these methods, it is vital that the children know their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. We hope that the newly purchased Times Table Rockstars will inspire and engage them in learning these.

Later in the term, we will develop their knowledge of fractions and negative numbers. Please continue to use Mathletics to help them further their understanding of these areas.

Science

Within science, we are learning about Living Things and Their Habitats. This will include how flowers are pollinated and how seeds, and fruits, are produced. We will then be looking at life cycles and how metamorphosis occurs in some animal life cycles. Finally, we will compare how different animals reproduce by laying eggs or giving birth.

History

In our history lessons, we will focus on events and life after the Romans left Britain up to the Norman Invasion in 1066. We will learn about how the Vikings invaded, conquered and then integrated with the people of Britain. We will look at their settlements, transport, food, crafts and lifestyle. This knowledge will be built on an understanding of the key events and people of the times.

R.E

Our topic in RE this term is Being Human, with a focus on the religion of Islam. We will consider what the Qur'an says about how Muslims should treat others and live their lives. This involves learning about the five Pillars of Islam. The final pillar being the pilgrimage that some Muslims make to Mecca.

PSHE

In PSHE we are learning about 'New Beginnings'. This topic focuses on pupils' new experiences and how they can ensure they make the appropriate choices to make the best of new opportunities.

Art

In Art, we are going to be focussing our learning on drawing techniques in order to recreate different art styles with Viking culture. In addition, we will be learning how Vikings constructed their jewellery.

Music

In Music, we will be gaining an understanding of how the pulse, pitch and rhythm of different pieces of music affects the listener.

P.E

Our PE topics, this term, will be Swimming, Football, Rugby and OAA.

Important Information

As per the school homework policy, which is available at www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk homework will be set on **Thursday** and returned on **Monday**, when we go through the reading element together.

Our swimming day is: **Tuesday**

Our P.E day is: **Friday**

Please listen to your child read as regularly as you can. This 'reading' includes newspapers, instructions, websites and magazines; then, record this in their reading record.

The children will be issued with Spelling as part of their homework; please ensure they are practised and recorded in the homework book. In addition to this spelling, the Year 5/6 common exception words are printed inside your child's reading record and practise of these words would always be beneficial.

If you are available at any time during the week to listen to children in our class read this would be greatly appreciated, please come and speak to me if you would be available.

Kind regards,

Michael Mullen