



Year 3:

Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful time over the Christmas break. We have lots of exciting things planned for the new term:

English

To start the term and to link in with our learning in history, we will be composing a newspaper article based on the book 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman. We will then move on to creating a narrative based on the story of 'Beowulf'. We will be finishing the term by creating a non-chronological report about light, to complement our learning in science. As readers, we will continue to develop the use of our VIPERS skills to comprehend what we read, focusing on a variety of themed weeks.

Mathematics

As mathematicians, we are continuing with multiplication and division and will be working towards multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. We will then be learning about different units of length and learning how to measure and calculate perimeter.

RE

In RE, we are asking the question, 'What do different people believe about God?' We will be concentrating on Christian, Hindu and Muslim religious beliefs.

Physical Education

PE will be held every Wednesday afternoon and will focus on dance.

PSHE

We will be looking at difference and diversity and the importance of self-respect and respecting others. We will also look at recognising discrimination and understanding and challenging stereotypes.

Topic

Science:

This term, we will be learning about light and different light sources. We will investigate whether materials are transparent, translucent or opaque. We will also learn about reflection and how light travels in straight lines.

History:

As historians, we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons, before moving onto the Vikings. We will be learning who the Anglo-Saxons were, their settlements, culture and religions, before learning about the Viking raids and invasion.

Geography:

This half term, we will learn about rivers. We will start by learning what a river is, the features of a river and its journey. We will then study rivers of Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and those of North and South America.

Art:

We will be studying still life and how to create form with tone. We will be studying the artist Giorgio Morandi and learning how to use his crosshatching technique. We will then be creating still life pictures using oil pastels in the style of Paul Cezanne.

French:

We will continue to learn how to greet someone and introduce ourselves. We will also learn how to count to twelve.

DT:

We will be designing, making and evaluating our own pop-up books, incorporating different mechanisms.

Computing:

In computing, we will be using tablets to use a range of techniques to create stop-frame animations.

Music:

We will continue to receive ukulele lessons every Thursday afternoon 1pm - 1.45pm.