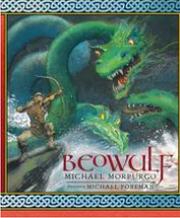




Eagles' Class Newsletter Spring Term 2017

<p>English</p>  <p>The cover of the book 'Beowulf' by Michael Moorcock, featuring a green dragon and a warrior.</p>	<p>Our Literacy work this term will be centred around our topic work on the Saxons and Vikings and our Science work on Forces. We will be writing adventure stories full of atmosphere and tension as well as biographies, non-chronological reports, instructions and recounts; we will also be taking part in drama activities based around the tale of Beowulf. Throughout the term we will be ensuring all our work is presented to the highest standard, ensuring that our handwriting is joined and that our spelling is accurate, using a dictionary to check all words we are unsure of. We will be working towards mastering all the punctuation skills and sentence structures we have learnt so we can confidently and consistently demonstrate our writing ability within our everyday writing.</p>
<p>Maths</p>  <p>Icons representing mathematical concepts: a blue plus sign, a green minus sign, an orange multiplication sign, and a purple division sign.</p>	<p>This term we will be working towards mastering the mathematical skills we were introduced to in the Autumn Term. We will be focusing on ensuring that the children are fluent and confident in their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills and that they can apply this knowledge to accurately solve problems and undertake investigations. During the first half term we will be working on properties of shape (triangles, translations and reflections, coordinates), data and statistics and fractions. We will continue working on our multiplication tables ensuring we know these and are able to recall these accurately and with increasing speed and confidence.</p>
<p>Science</p>  <p>A simple icon of a lit lightbulb, symbolizing an idea or scientific discovery.</p>	<p>This term we will be focusing on forces. We will be investigating magnets, finding out about the different poles and their relationship to each other. We will then investigate gravity and research Sir Isaac Newton. We will investigate drag forces including air resistance, water resistance and friction. Throughout all lessons we will be working hard to develop our ability to think scientifically and develop our investigatory skills.</p>
<p>Geography and History</p>  <p>An illustration of a traditional Viking helmet with horns and intricate metalwork.</p>	<p>Our topic this term is 'Smashing Saxons and Vicious Vikings?' We will investigate the true legacy of their invasion and settlement on our nation and question whether the Vikings in particular deserve their bloodthirsty reputation. We will discover what Britain was like prior to their arrival and investigate the impact of their settlement on modern Britain, discovering how our language has been influenced by their arrival and investigating place names to discover their impact locally. We will find out who the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings were and, as Geographers, we will plot their journey to find out where they came from, discover why they came and investigate how they navigated their voyages. We will investigate the chronology of the Anglo Saxon/Viking periods, examining some of the key figures including Alfred the Great. We will sharpen our historical skills by investigating the discovery of the Sutton Hoo burial, becoming archaeologists and learning from the artefacts discovered. Towards the end of term we will visit the reconstructed settlement of West Stow to discover what life was like for ordinary people during this period.</p>

<p>Computing</p> 	<p>This term we will be looking at how ICT can be used to present and record our learning across the curriculum. Children will learn how to search effectively to respond to enquiries and support their learning. We will also continue to keep ourselves safe online by focusing on the use of social media and awareness of the overuse/ reliance of online and computer games and activities.</p>
<p>Art & Design Technology</p> 	<p>During the first half term our Art work will link to our Anglo Saxon work. We will be using printing, collage and sewing/weaving techniques to produce art based on Saxon patterns and treasures. During the second half term we will be finding out about Saxon and Viking food. We will learn how food was preserved during this period of time and will find out how we need to safely store food now. We will be attempting to recreate and adapt some traditional recipes to share during our open afternoon.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Our music this term will be looking at classroom jazz and some of the ten pieces. We will listen to different pieces of jazz and the history of the music. We will use the instruments to play the Three Note Bossa and the Five Note Swing piece. We will look at how to notate the music and read it. We shall also be learning some songs about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings!</p>
<p>PSHE</p>	<p>Our PHSE themes this term are financial capability and friendships. In financial capability the children will gain an understanding of earnings, how choices made about money have an impact, look at debt and poverty and gain an insight into budgets. Friendships will be covered this term as the girls and boys work through a programme to support the development of positive relationships/friendships, building personal confidence and exploring themes such as bullying.</p>
<p>Physical Education</p>	<p>This term during our outside PE sessions we will be focussing on hockey and football and the skills needed to play the game such as dribbling, shooting and passing. In our indoor session we will be concentrating on Dance and looking at different dance styles. The class will also be continuing with their play leader training. This term also sees us doing the Bikeability course.</p>
<p>Religious Education</p> 	<p>This term, to link with our History topic, we will be researching the impact of the spread of Christianity during the Saxon and Viking periods. We will learn about Saxon and Viking religious customs and beliefs and will focus on the concept of the journey of life within all religions.</p>
<p>MFL</p> 	<p>This term we will continue to recap the language we have learnt so far and will then focus on learning vocabulary of Breakfast, parts of the body and numbers, which will incorporate birthdays using Felix und Franzi . We will also be learning about German Culture, in particular German entertainment, taking part in a German Puppet workshop.</p>
<p>Other Information and Finally</p>	<p>Look out for the date (tbc) for our class assembly this term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. <i>Mrs Tina Culpin</i></p>