

ENGLISH

The English focus this half term is adventure stories. The children will read and investigate adventure stories which relate to the Anglo Saxons, identifying the features which make a story successful. They will plan the key points in a story and explore character's thoughts, feelings and actions. They will also ensure that their adventure stories flow by including an opening, build-up, dilemma, events and resolution. During the unit, the children will be focusing on using paragraphs, speech punctuation and effective use of adjectives.

HISTORY

The children will explore Britain's settlement by the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. They will develop their knowledge of chronology by ordering dates and events on a timeline. In addition, they will learn about who the Saxons were and find out why they came to England; aspects of their daily life such as village life, clothing, religion; the Saxon army; famous Saxon leaders; Saxon stories and the significance of archaeological finds at Sutton Hoo in Suffolk.

COMPUTING

This half term, children will be introduced to the concepts of input and output, and how computers can take information that is input in a variety of ways, manipulate it, and output it in still other ways. Children will also learn about the difference between software and hardware, and apply their learning to new code projects.

PE

This half term we will be playing hockey in one of our weekly lessons and rounders in the other. These two quite different team games both require good communication as well as speed and ball control. Once children have had a chance to practise their skills and play games within the class, we hope to hold a tournament across the year group.

RE

This half term in RE the children will learn about some of the meanings of a wide range of signs and symbols in Christian and Muslim art. They will be encouraged to investigate examples of symbolic language and to deepen their understanding of some common religious concepts.

MATHEMATICS

In maths, the children will further consolidate their knowledge of multiplication and division. This will involve opportunities to become more confident and fluent in times table facts, as well as strengthening their understanding of the links between the two operations. They will learn how to utilise the multiplication facts they know to find related facts. They will additionally apply this knowledge to solve a range of worded problems.

SCIENCE

Our topic for the half term is 'Nutrition', which links to our first PSHE focus of 'Healthy Me'. Children will learn about how food is essential for running our bodies and staying energised! They will explore different food groups and find out more about how fruits and vegetables provide us with important vitamins.

ART

Linked with our history topic on the Anglo Saxons, the children will be making brooches inspired by those created in England from the fifth to the eleventh centuries. Children will examine ancient brooches before designing the pattern and shape of their own piece.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

The children will complete learning in two areas this half term. In our whole day on 'healthy me', children will learn about the importance of nutrition and exercise as well as personal safety, the role of the emergency services and how drugs can affect people. In our weekly lessons on 'relationships', they will explore family responsibilities, how to be a good friend and what it means to be a global citizen.

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