

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back everyone, I hope you had a great half term break. We are really looking forward to the year ahead, working with your children and the exciting things lined up for them.

We are continuing with a cross-curricular approach to our learning this term as we begin our new topic Traders and Raiders, which is about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

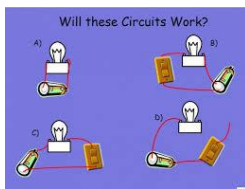


English - We will be focussing on report writing, and Myths and Legends. We will be building on character profiles and exploring fact or fiction. Our class book is How to Train your Dragon.

Maths - Speed and accuracy of calculations is our focus throughout the Maths curriculum this year. We will continue to work on the speed and accuracy of our multiplication tables, an essential skill, which will help the children in all areas of Maths. Problem solving strategies, which the children have learned using our new resource, 'Everyday Problem Solving & Reasoning', will be built upon, with the problems becoming increasingly challenging.

Topic - Big and strong, powerful and brave, the Saxons wave their battle axes and brandish their swords as they begin to invade Britain's shores. Sail back to the Dark Ages, where battles were rife and fear reigned. Find out about the lives of the Saxons, including how they lived and where they came from. Meet the bloodthirsty Vikings from Scandinavia - never before had such terror swept the land. Make a Saxon sword or a Viking brooch and decorate it with intricate patterns. Choose to be a Saxon or Viking and trade your crafty goods, but let's keep it cool. We don't want a fight breaking out. Are you ready to shine a light on the dangerous and deadly Dark Ages?

PSHE - Resilience and perseverance.



Science - Our topic this term is Electricity. We will be able to identify common appliances that run on electricity, construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers, identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery.

PE - Our focus for this term is tennis and athletics.

Computing - Using our software programme, 'Purple Mash' we are continuing to improve our programming skills.

RE - We will continue with 'Eucharist' and during Lent we will be completing our 'Self Discipline' topic. Doing anything worthwhile often involves making choices, giving up something and working hard. It requires self- discipline. No one can make you do something. You really have to want it yourself. Everyone has potential in one area or another. It means working at it and giving up something in order to reach that full potential.

