

English

This half term in English we will be reading 'Beowulf' by Kevin Crossley-Holland and Charles Keeping to inspire our writing. We will be spending the majority of the half term planning, drafting and publishing a saga based on Beowulf.

Then we will plan and write a report on the life of a Viking.

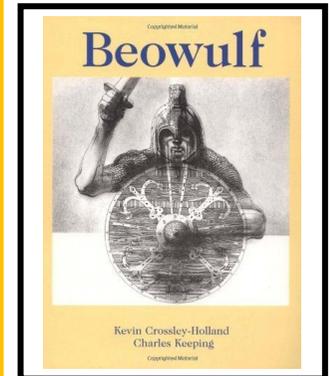
Maths

In maths we will be exploring factors, multiplying and dividing decimals by 10/100/1000, calculating perimeters and revise written methods for addition and subtraction. We will learn to convert measures, calculate perimeters and solve measure word problems.

Then we will revise adding and subtracting money and answer word problems involving money.

Science

This half term, the children will be learning about 'Properties and materials of change'. We will be learning how to compare and group everyday materials based on their properties; explain how some materials dissolve in liquid and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. We will also learn how to use terms 'reversible' and 'irreversible' and demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible. We will be learning to give reasons based on evidence from comparative and fair tests.



Topic

In our topic lessons this half term we will be learning history and D&T.

In history, we will learn about the Vikings. We will be learning how significant events in history have helped shape Britain. We will be learning how to use dates and historical language in our work and how to draw a timeline showing different time periods. Then we will be making comparisons between the Viking period and our time period.

In D&T, we will research and design our own Viking longboat. Then we will produce a detailed step by step plan about how to make our longboat. We will peer mark our friend's plans and suggest alternative plans when necessary. Then we will measure and make our longboat, persevering through the different stages.

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Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Spring 1

'How did the Vikings conquer the UK?'

Enrichment: Museum of London

PE: Dance and invasion games

Homework: Issued on Friday and due in on Wednesday. Weekly spelling test every Friday.

Suggested books to read

DKfindout! Vikings by Philip Steele

Who were the Vikings? By Jane Chisholm

Viking Boy by Tony Bradman

The Dragon's Hoard: Stories from the Viking Sagas

RE

This half term, the children will be learning about Buddhism. We will be learning about the importance of meditation and worship to find enlightenment.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about the importance of discussing our feelings with an adult and seeking support if we are feeling alone or isolated. We will be learning how to cope with bereavement, resolving conflict and resisting pressure from others.

Suggested places to visit

The British Museum

The Museum of London

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/vikings>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>