

English

This half term we will be reading a simplified version of the important Anglo-Saxon epic poem **Beowulf** called 'Beowulf the Hero' by Tony Bradman and Tony Ross. We will use this to inspire us to write our own version of the story of Beowulf.

After this, we will plan and write a report on Viking life.

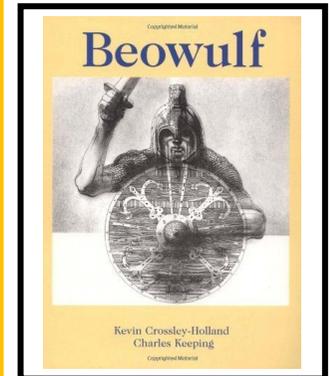
Maths

In maths we will look at multiplying by up to 2-digits and dividing by 1-digit.

Next, we will explore fractions. This will include finding equivalent fractions, comparing fractions, ordering fractions, converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions, and adding and subtracting fractions.

Science

This half term our science topic is '**Properties of, and changes to, materials**'. 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 the 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 invasion of Britain by Angle, Saxons and other tribes. We will be learning how these significant events in history have helped shape modern Britain. We will use dates and historical language in our work and draw a timeline showing different time periods. We will draw comparisons between this period and our own time.

In D&T, we will research and design a stained glass window. We will review our plans and amend where necessary before making them. Once we have completed our windows, we will reflect on how we could improve them and list any changes that could be made.

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Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5 Spring 1

'How did invasion change Britain?'

Enrichment: Museum of London

PE: Football

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

Suggested books to read

Explore Anglo-Saxons by Jane Bingham

You wouldn't want to be an Anglo-Saxon Peasant! By Jacqueline Morley and David Antram

Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight by Karen Wallace and Neil Chapman

RE

This half term, our focus is Buddhism. We will be learning about the importance of meditation to find enlightenment.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will talk about the importance of discussing our feelings with an adult and seeking support when we need it.

We will be learning how to cope with difficult situations.

French

This term, we will learn about parts of the body.

Suggested places to visit

The British Museum

The Museum of London

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

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/anglo-saxons/>