

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a fabulous Easter and break. I cannot believe the summer term has already arrived and what a fun packed one it is too!

Our topic this term is 'Bury St Edmunds', with a focus on the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. If you have any resources or books that you feel would support with our topic this term and you are willing to bring them in then please do so, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you so much for your support with books/resources this year, they have been incredibly useful within sessions!

As historians, we are going to explore the impact both the Anglo Saxons and Vikings had on Bury St Edmunds and Britain. We will be thinking carefully about our own enquiry questions for research and using these within our history sessions to research, explore and compare and contrast. We will be exploring the use of specialist vocabulary and terminology related to invaders and settlers and use our history skills to investigate the reasons for the arrival of the Saxons and Vikings. We will be exploring the challenges facing the early settlers and how they overcame them and the main features regarding the chronology, reasons for invading and settling and the main features of these societies. Next, we will be identifying the key features and differences about life in Saxon and Viking times, the attitudes and values held by Saxons and Vikings, the role of different groups and sections of the population in order to make informed judgements about the quality of life for different groups. Furthermore, we will be exploring the nature of religious life when the Saxons and Vikings first arrived and events that occurred due to religion at the time. We will be exploring the nature and significance of the Saxons and Vikings on their local community. As well as exploring the Saxons and Vikings on land, we will be learning about Viking boats and the achievements of the Saxons and Vikings at sea. Finally the children will be using tools to explain the overall nature and specific contributions of Saxons and Vikings to the world today.

As writers, we are going to be exploring narrative from other cultures and historical times. We are going to be exploring the poem 'Beowulf', an Anglo Saxon epic poem as well as other pieces of narrative written by the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. After exploring, analysing, comparing and contrasting, we will be creating our own poems and stories using what we have learnt. To finish the term off we are going to be exploring non-fiction texts including newspaper articles.

As mathematicians, we are going to be counting, partitioning and calculating. Securing number facts, understanding shapes, handling data and measures. Calculating, measuring and understanding shape. Securing number facts, calculating and identifying relationships.

As scientists, we are going to focus on light and shadows and human reproduction and relationships.

As artists, we are going to be learning about 3D art using drawing, painting and collage. We are going to be designing and creating Bury St Edmunds in the form of 3D structures.

As design technologists, we are going to be designing, constructing and evaluating fairground rides.

As musicians, we are going to continue to learn to play the clarinet and focus on performing together as well as putting together our end of year performance.

In French, we are going to be exploring parts of the body and sports as well as creating a French presentation, presenting and informing an audience of a French city.

In RE, we are going to be learning about Hinduism.

The teaching of ICT will be taught throughout the curriculum and through the ICT project, 'we are bloggers!'

Within PE, we are going to be out on the field for athletics (lets hope the beautiful weather doesn't disappear!). PE sessions will be on a Monday however please ensure that your PE kit is in on a Monday and returned home on a Friday; the timetable may change and therefore it is essential that the PE kit is in school for the whole week.

I am looking forward to this fun packed and exciting summer term. If you have any queries, concerns or questions please do not hesitate to speak to me at the end of the school day.

Kind Regards,

Miss J Taylor
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