



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely break and are now ready to jump back into another fun-filled term of learning!

Overview of themes & trips & visitors for the year

Spring 1- Raiders and Invaders For our Fab Finale for our Raiders and Invaders unit we are hoping to have a visit from The Drama Hut, where we will be Vikings for the day! This will cost around £7.

Spring 2- Awesome Authors In this term we will be having a storyteller come in for our fab finale.

Summer 1- Rainforests

Summer 2- Africa

As our Fab Finale for our Rainforest theme and our Wow starter for our Summer 2 theme we will be going to the Living Rainforest and The Cotswold Wildlife, staying overnight at the Court Hill Centre Hostel.

Raiders and Invaders

During the Spring 1 term we will be exploring the world of Invaders, finding out all about the world of Vikings and Anglo-Saxons including who they were, when they lived and what life was like at the time.

Our first Wow day on Thursday 3rd January will be a poetry based day centred on shape poems. For our second wow day we will be getting creative as we make some Viking inspired artwork.

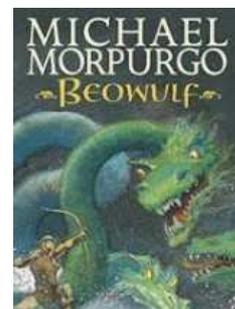


Throughout the term, we will look in detail at the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor. In Science we will be investigating forces and magnets. We will spend time learning how things move on different surfaces, observe that some forces need contact between two objects and look closely at how magnets attract and repel one another.



English

In English we will be focusing on Rags to Riches tales; our focused text is the story of Beowulf retold by Michael Morpurgo. The book is set in fifth-century Denmark, where a murderous monster stalks the night, and only the great prince of the Geats has the strength and courage to defeat him. Wait and see to find out more! Spellings will be linked to our work on Get Spelling and will come home on Mondays. Spellings will be stuck into reading record books so please ensure that they are in school especially on that day. Please support your child(ren) to learn spellings ready to be tested.



Reading

We will be developing our understanding of reading through reading skills sessions. Please listen to your child read as least three times a week and make a note of it in the reading record book. Those children who read three or more times a week receive a 'diddy dot' for working hard and also a sticker for their efforts. As well as this don't forget that every time your child(ren) reads they get a raffle ticket which goes into a weekly draw to win a bonus 30 early bird points.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be using our knowledge of the 3, 4 and 8 times table. We will be using different methods to solve multiplication and division number problems.

Times tables

Please support your child(ren) with the learning of their times tables. Children in Year 3 need to learn and recall facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. They are tested every week using a times table grid so we know what areas we need to improve on each week. If you could keep practising with your child(ren) we will all become times table superstars!

Key Dates: - Please see attached sheet

Thank you in advance for all your support. Have a great half term!

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