

Year 5 Learning Web

Spring 1 2017

English Focus

- We will be using **Beowulf** by Kevin Crossley-Holland to inform all of our English work. We will be writing our own mini-sagas as well as creating an epic poem. We think the children will enjoy the gruesome, yet heroic, acts of Beowulf!
- We will also be creating newspaper reports about some of the events that happen in the book.
- We will be looking in depth at authorial intent and the features of this text in our guided reading sessions.

Maths Focus

We will be:

- Extending our knowledge of multiplication and division with some tricky written methods and problem solving.
- Focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages for most of this half term. The children will be able to convert between the three and use the four operations to explore problems with them too!

Knowledge and Understanding

Learning Challenge: Were the Anglo-Saxons really smashing?

- Our Geography and History topic will be based on the Anglo-Saxons and how they have influenced the Britain we know so well.
- We will be looking at their origins and where they fit in history, as well as how they lived.
- We will be having a go at playing Nine Men's Morris (a famous Anglo-Saxon game) and creating brooches to take home.

STEM (Including Computing and Science) and Health and Wellbeing

Learning Challenge: Could you be the next CSI investigator?

- We will be donning a detective hat and searching for clues to solve crimes! Half way through the term, something mysterious has been planned... the children will have to use their knowledge of materials to work out the clues and solve the mystery!
- In RE, we will be focusing on Hinduism.
- In PSHE, we will be looking at how to keep healthy and happy!
- In Computing, the children will be turning their hand to some coding using a programme called Scratch.

Creativity

- We will be creating Anglo-Saxon art using tessellations, as well as creating model settlements in small groups.
- Merging both the CSI topic and Salvador Dali, we will be creating artwork using fingerprints, handprints and even footprints!
- In English, we will be performing some of our poems and getting into character with lots of drama activities.

Ways you can help at home...

- Encourage your child to read for enjoyment! Let them be more independent in their choice of reading material. Don't stop reading to them- they still need a role model.
- Practise mental maths skills, including times tables.
- Encourage the children to be more independent by helping them to refer to their timetables and organise their own belongings such as school bags and P.E. kits.