

Year 5 Learning Web

Summer 1 2018

English Focus

- This term, we will continue to work on Year 5 grammar, using speech, relative clauses, semicolons and detailed expanded noun phrases.
- Our class reader will be **Beowulf** by Kevin Crossley-Holland, although we will also look at Michael Morpurgo's version and compare the two.
- Genres of writing we will be focusing on include mini-sagas, fables, myths and legends, report writing and epic poems.

Maths Focus

We will be:

- Continuing to work with fractions, decimals and percentages.
- Looking at compound shapes and finding their area and perimeter.
- Measuring angles using protractors, and finding the missing angles of different shapes.
- Keeping our times tables knowledge strong through the 99 Club.

Knowledge and Understanding

Learning Challenge: Vicious Vikings and Smashing Saxons

- Our **History** and **Geography** focus will be on settlers and invaders, with particular focus on the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.
- We will be discussing reasons for leaving homelands in modern and medieval periods, comparing daily lives from different eras, and identifying the origin of place names after looking at Anglo-Saxon words.
- In **RE**, we will be exploring Anglo-Saxon beliefs and comparing different religions.
- We will be examining the rune alphabet and seeing how different it is from the alphabet we know today.

STEM (Including Computing and Science) and Health and Wellbeing

Learning Challenge: Feel the force

- We will be developing an understanding of how forces (including gravitational attraction and drag forces, e.g. friction, air resistance, water resistance and upthrust in water) affect movement.
- Through investigations, we will be learning how mechanisms (including levers, pulleys and gears) allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.
- In **Computing**, we will be using the brand new Chromebooks to create our own websites.

Creativity

- For our Sparkly Start, we will be making some Viking bread – yum!
- We will also be making an Anglo-Saxon brooch.
- To finish our topic, we will be building a Viking longboat and creating a Viking chant using the melody of a current pop song.

Ways you can help at home...

- Encourage your child to read for enjoyment! Allow them to be more independent in their choice of reading material. However, don't stop reading to them; they still need a role model.
- Practise mental maths skills, including times tables. Practise telling the time and talking about the time as much as possible. Give your child opportunities to think about the price of items, estimating total costs and how much change they would get if paying with notes.
- Encourage your child to be more independent by helping them to refer to their timetables and organise their own belongings, such as school bags, homework books and PE kits.