



A message from Mrs Rowling

Welcome back after the Christmas break, Happy New Year. I hope you all had lovely, festive time. I am looking forward to another busy second term in Year 5. Through this newsletter, I hope to give you some useful information about the learning opportunities your child will experience in the coming term. If you have any queries suggestions or resources, we can use in class please feel free to come into class anytime!

Mrs Rowling

This term's topics are...

Traders and raiders

Are you ready to go back in time to investigate the lives of the Anglo Saxon and the Viking invasion? Who were the fearsome warriors that arrived on the shores of England? How did their arrival impact on Wales?



Roses and Royals

Take a journey back in time and explore the Tudor era. Who were the Tudors? How did they contribute to the history of Wales as we know it? Explore these questions and more in this project about the Tudor dynasty.

Mathematics and Numeracy

In maths, pupils will have opportunities to apply and develop their skills across the curriculum. In our maths lessons this term we will be looking at place value in six-digit numbers and the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will create historical timelines to sequence important events, in Tudor and Anglo-Saxon times. Pupils will study data and investigate 'Why the Anglo Saxons did not invade Wales?' Also, we will be looking at fractions, decimals and word problems. Your child will experience a range of ways to solve problems both using written and mental methods. We will develop skills in measure through our topics when calculating area and perimeter by designing a garden for Henry VIII and when making a Viking long ship in Design Technology.

Language, Literacy and Communication (English)

Through our work on the Anglo Saxons and the Tudors we will be creating information reports, stories and character profiles. We will also be looking at persuasive writing, role play, fact files and riddles. We are encouraging the children to join their letters using the cursive handwriting scheme.

Reading

As well as your child reading their individual reading book at home, we will continue to develop our reading skills through group reading tasks during guided reading sessions every day.

Expressive arts

Through our topic work your child will experience printing, painting and design. We will explore materials, develop a range of techniques and study Tudor portraits and artefacts. Through our topic we will study Celtic and Nordic patterns and create our own Anglo-Saxon and Viking artefacts.

Health and well being

In PE we will be exploring various aspects of gymnastics including floor work as well as apparatus work. The children will be developing a variety of skills in games. Gymnastics will take place indoors and Games will take place outdoors depending on the weather.

Language, Literacy and Communication (Welsh)	Science and Technology
<p><i>In Welsh we will learn range of sentence patterns and develop skills in speaking, writing and reading Welsh. We will be studying third person sentence patterns and past tense.</i></p>	<p><i>In Science, we will continue to develop our scientific skills by working scientifically in investigations. Some of the questions we will investigate will be, 'How do objects float? How clean are your hands? and How do Vikings dye their clothes?'</i></p>
<p>Humanities</p> <p><i>Through our topic, we will be developing our geography skills by using maps and investigate 'What is Offa's Dyke? and Why was it built?' In History, we will study Invaders and settlers of Britain in the Dark Ages, timelines, Anglo-Saxon and Viking life. By studying the Tudors, we will look at significant Tudor kings and queens, The Battle of Bosworth and life in Tudor times. In RE, we will learn about the Muslim Community which will include studying the Five Pillars of Islam, prayer and pilgrimage.</i></p>	<p><i>In IT, your child will use a variety of websites to research, safely and gather information to create presentations and fact files. We will create comic strips, databases and documents using a variety of Hwb programmes.</i></p> <p><i>In Design and Technology, we will investigate products take part in design research, create structures and carrying out evaluations of their work. We be making long ships, Viking artefacts and Tudor conceits.</i></p>
How you can help your child	
<p><i>You can help your child by introducing them to a range of different types of writing and encouraging them to read as much as possible. Remind your child that reading for at least ten minutes every night is homework! We will be revising multiplication tables this term as it is important at this point the children are confident and happy with all tables before their move to Year 6.</i></p>	
Useful Information (stick me on the fridge!)	
<p>Homework:</p> <p><i>Numeracy and Literacy homework will be set on Friday and be due in the following Wednesday.</i></p>	<p>Reading:</p> <p><i>Please read with your child every if possible for at least 10 minutes this is so important.</i></p>
<p>PE days and required kit:</p> <p><i>Games/ PE – Your child can leave their kit in their own box in school, otherwise kit is needed for Wednesday and Friday</i></p>	<p><i>Remember you can use Timetable Rock stars to practise your multiplication tables.</i></p>
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