

## Leylands Class

Spring 1

Half Term Curriculum Letter

Anglo Saxons and Vikings

### English

We will be spending this half term studying Beowulf, while writing an epic hero story, which in the Anglo-Saxon tradition will be told in a story circle as entertainment. We will also read Viking sagas about Norse gods, which links to learning the songs in music and with writing our own saga poetry.

Continuing the poetry theme, we will be having a KS2 poetry day in February, where all the children will write, edit and publish a poem to submit for entry into a literacy competition. We will also be memorising poems to present to each other in class.

### PSHE

We will discuss our core values and continue with our class ambassadors. We will focus on e-safety, discussing relationships, our emotions and how we can be responsible individuals in caring for ourselves, others and our community.

### Maths

Times-tables mastery will be a focus throughout this year, with the onset of the Year 4 statutory test in the Summer Term. (Practising at home will be a must!)

This half-term, the focus will be on reasoning and problem-solving strategies for all the areas learned so far this year. We will also continue with multiplication and division, then move on to learning about measurement, length, perimeter and area.



### Art/DT

We will investigate the different repeated patterns in Viking art and draw our own examples. We will also design, resource materials and make Anglo Saxon brooches.

### Music

We will be learning Viking saga songs and experimenting with musical sounds and pitch to link with the science theme.

### Topic

The topic will focus on the struggle for power between the Anglo Saxons and Vikings after the Roman Empire left Britannia.

The 'Hook' will be a taster afternoon that will include video clips and songs about Anglo Saxon chronicles and Viking sagas. With the 'Marvellous Middle', we will learn about the Battle of Maldon and may be able to visit the sites with a date TBA. Our 'Fabulous Finale' will be an Anglo Saxon/Viking emersion day at school, where we will experience artefacts, costumes, games and battle techniques from an expert visitor.

### R.E.

We will be looking at Islam this half term, focusing on the different beliefs and teachings, as well as, places of worship and festivals that are celebrated. We will be linking this to the big question, what values unite us?

### Science

We will be learning about sound, identifying how sounds are made, recognising that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. We will find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.