

Leylands Class

Spring 2

Half Term Curriculum Letter

Anglo Saxons and Vikings

English

We will be reading, writing and memorising poetry for the first part of the half term. The children will need you to be 'Lucky Listeners' to help them recite poems using appropriate expression and voice (A Lucky Listener Pack will come home with the children). This will culminate with the children reciting their poetry at our 'Poems for Parents' afternoon.

We will also be working on non-fiction by writing a non-chronological report on The Battle of Maldon, which links with our topic.

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, we will continue to focus on reasoning and problem-solving strategies, encouraging the children to think like a mathematician and discuss their thinking. We will continue with multiplication and division, move on to learning about measurement, length, perimeter and area, then begin to learn about fractions.



Art/DT

In art, will be practising and refining sketching techniques and applying this to sketching outdoor scenes and objects.

In DT we will be learning the skills of Anglo-Saxon craftsmen during our Anglo-Saxon Day.

Music

We will continue to learn 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' being a local study of Maldon, where we will explore the history and geography of the area. The 'Fabulous Finale' will be an Anglo-Saxon/Viking Day where we will share our writing and songs around a fire and experience making some of the different crafts and skills from that era.

R.E.

We will be looking at salvation this half term, beginning with understanding Lent and self-discipline and finishing with a focus on the Holy Week and its importance to Christians. We will be in charge of the Easter Service at the end of term.

Science

We will be finishing learning about sound, and then focus on electricity. We will learn how and electric circuit works, make simple circuits and understand which materials are good and bad conductors.