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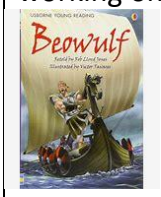
Half Termly Newsletter

Year 3 and Year 4 – Summer 1

Dear families,
We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break.
Please find an overview of our curriculum for the 1st half of the Summer term including the areas of learning we will be focusing on in each subject.
As ever, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.
Mrs Pearce (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) & Mrs Beasley (Thursday and Friday)

English

This half term, we will be reading a modern translation for children of the Anglo Saxon poem 'Beowulf' which will link well with our history topic. We will be working on character description, persuasive writing, playscripts and writing our own hero myths.



In reading, we will be continuing to develop comprehension skills through the VIPERS range of questioning during daily reading sessions answering questions on different texts.

Maths

Our maths units of work this term will cover Time including telling the time to the nearest minute, converting between analogue and digital times and use of the 12 and 24 hour clock.

We will also cover work on Fractions and Decimals including work on tenths and hundredths, comparing and ordering decimals and dividing a number by 10 and 100.

Science

In Science, our unit of work is Light. The children will learn about natural and artificial light sources, reflection, opaque, translucent and transparent materials. We will also look at how shadows are formed and the children will complete an investigation on shadows.

History

In History the children will be finding out about the Anglo-Saxons, where they came from and when. They will learn about the Anglo Saxon kings and their kingdoms, as well as about the everyday life of an Anglo Saxon and their religious beliefs.

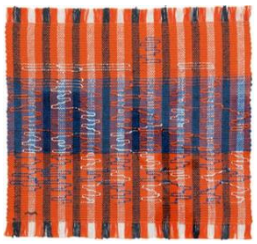


Computing

In Computing, our unit of work will focus on photo editing. The children will develop their understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused. They will also consider the impact that editing images can have and evaluate the effectiveness of their choices.

Art

In Art the children will explore Textiles. They will look at natural patterns as an inspiration for design. They will experiment with different weaving techniques. The children will discover the work of textile artists Kayla Mattes and Anni Albers.



Religious Education

We will be exploring the question- Why do Humanists use the golden rule as a basis for morality?

Physical Education

In PE this half term, the focus will be on Athletics where pupils will develop running jumping and throwing techniques. The

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be learning about Safety. During this topic they will find out about how to stay safe online, including

We will look at how the golden rule is used by humanists. The children will learn about the important role of empathy in decision making for humanists and explore how Aesop's Fables illustrate morality. We will also consider how a humanist school could be different from our own school.	children will be thinking about how to achieve their greatest possible speed, distance or accuracy and learn how to persevere to achieve their personal best. We will also work on the striking and fielding game of Rounders. The children will learn how to score points by striking a ball into space and running around cones or bases. When fielding, they will learn to play in different fielding roles. They will focus on developing their throwing, catching or batting skills.	spotting fake emails and distinguishing between useful and unhelpful information online. They will also learn about the dangers of smoking and how to help someone with asthma. 
Music In Music, we will be looking at Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics around the theme of Rivers. The children will learn to sing in 2 parts, to recognise key elements of music and to create and perform an ostinato.	French Our new unit for this term is 'moi et mes animaux.' The emphasis of this unit is mainly on speaking and children will work towards a spoken presentation.	

Important dates:	Home learning expectations:
Wednesday 7th May and Tuesday 29th May- Peer reading sessions. An opportunity to share a favourite book with peers in house groups (15min session) Thursday 22nd May- Premier Sport PE Enrichment Session Friday 23rd May- PD Day Please note that PE days are now TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS this term.	**We will continue to use the new times table system on a Wednesday morning to support the learning of multiplication tables. Your child will have the times table/s they are working on recorded weekly in their Reading Record along with their weekly spelling test score.** Please ensure your child is reading their age appropriate reading book at least 4 times a week, and that they bring their Reading Record to school daily as they may read with an adult. They will also be collected in every Monday. Your child will have weekly spellings which will be stuck into their Reading Record on a Friday. They will also be asked to complete 15 minutes of TT Rockstars a week. Anglo Saxons Home learning project- To support and extend our History topic we would like the children to find out about an aspect of Anglo Saxon life and create a poster about it. More details will follow in the next few weeks.