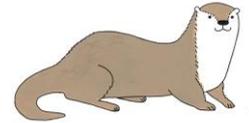


Itchen Abbas Primary School



Otters Class Overview of Learning for Autumn Term (1) 2020-2021

Topic Title: **Anglo-Saxons...The Ruin of Britain?**



Overview of Our Topic

This half term we will be undertaking an enquiry-based topic all about the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. We will be using key questions to research why the Anglo Saxons came to Britain, where and how they developed and established communities, and all about Saxon life and culture. We will also explore motives for invasions and their impact on Britain.

Our research focus is “Alfred the Great- How great was he?”

[Vocabulary to explore: Invasion, settlement, Christianity, pagan, migrants, origins, conversion, occupation](#)

English

This half term, we will be exploring the theme of heroes through a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts and starting with ‘The Unsung Hero’ (A Thai advert). We will be writing character descriptions, accounts from different viewpoints, letters, biographies and reports. We will also be reading and writing non-fiction texts as part of our Anglo-Saxon class book.

Maths

In Maths, we will be starting with number and place value before moving onto calculation methods using the four operations, starting with addition and subtraction. The measurement topic will explore time, mass and capacity by solving problems involving converting time and comparing values of measure.

History

We will be undertaking an enquiry-based topic all about the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. We will use our research to create a non-fiction class book which will be available in the school library to teach others all about the Anglo-Saxons.

Science

This term the topic is Sound. We will be exploring how sound travels and moves through materials and investigate how changing the vibrations affects the sound produced.

Art/DT

This half term, we will be learning about our focus artist – Cressida Cowell – and her work. We will also create some of our own Anglo-Saxon drawings. Through exploring the Lindisfarne Gospels, we will be printing polystyrene tiles- Saxon style. In DT, we will be exploring Anglo-Saxon cooking and creating honey, oats and spiced cakes.

Computing

In computing, this half term we will be focusing on E-Safety. Y4’s topic ‘Don’t fall for fake’, addresses thinking before sharing and distinguishing between fact and fiction. Y5’s topic “Secure your Secrets” looks at passwords and security.

Music

This half term the children will be learning to play the Glockenspiel (Stage 2). They will be revisiting their basic instrumental skills, playing tunes in varying styles and developing their skills in musical composition.

PE / Games

Outdoor P.E is Tennis and Indoor is Athletics. PE will be on Mondays and Tuesdays so please ensure your child comes into school wearing their P.E. kits.

PSHE

Me and my Relationships: Our learning includes understanding our emotional needs and why they are important, identifying qualities of being a good friend and finding ways to be assertive.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about Temptation and making choices. We will be learning about the religion of Hinduism and comparing this to other religions.