

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take some time to look at this term's topic web. Our main topic is looking at life in Britain after the Romans left, focussing in on the Anglo-Saxons. This will build on last term's topic on the Celts. Our literacy work will link in with this as we explore the Anglo-Saxon poem of Beowulf. We will be looking closely at the construction of speech.

We are following the Singapore maths scheme, and this term we will be exploring fractions in depth, looking at adding and subtracting fractions, equivalent fractions and fractions of amounts. We will then be looking at multiplication and division.

In the second half of the term we will be focussing on the USA in geography and this will link in with our DT project where the children will use Native American patterns and designs to decorate their own clay pot.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Kay and the Y3 team.

Year Group: Three

Term: Spring 2017

Science

The children will be exploring reflection, transparent versus opaque and the formation of shadows.

Mathematics

Children will be adding, subtracting and comparing fractions. They will be learning to multiply and divide via formal written methods. This will be embedded in to real life and cross-curricular areas. They will be using a variety of equipment to support their learning.

English

Children will be looking at the oldest surviving long poem in Old English – Beowulf - from the Anglo-Saxon period. This links in with our history topic and will be used as a stimulus for setting, character, dilemma and resolution. In the second half we will be exploring traditional stories from a variety of cultures.

ICT

The children will be using sequence, selection and repetition in programs. They will be correcting errors in an algorithm and code crunching. Lessons will include designing, debugging programs along side using technology safely.

What happened when the Romans left?

Geography

1st half term – Anglo Saxons

Maps and globes will be used to track the journey that some Anglo Saxons took to come to Britain.

2nd Half term – The USA

Looking the geographical similarities and differences between Britain and the USA.

History

1st Half Term – Anglo-Saxons

The children will be investigating what life was like in Anglo-Saxon times after the Romans left Britain; why the Anglo-Saxons left their homes in northern Europe; and how Christianity spread across Britain.

2nd Half Term – The USA

We will be learning about the Native Americans and the impact settlers had on their lives.

Design & Technology

2nd Half term – children will explore traditional Native American designs and use these as a stimulus for their own clay pot design.

Music

The children will be singing and using a variety of different instruments, building on the skills from last term.

Art

1st Half – Drawing and painting skills influenced by the poem, Beowulf.

Physical Education

With our specialist Sports Coach, the children will have lessons on football, bat & ball skills, gymnastics and dance.