



YEAR 5/6 OTTERS SUMMER 1 2024 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



This half term we will be continuing our learning on the Viking invasions. Our enquiry question is:

How did the Vikings change Britain?



ENGLISH

In writing this half term, the children will be learning about Macbeth and creating a narrative based on the play. They will be analysing the play, describing characters, settings and themes throughout, performing in role and writing using the elements they have learnt.



ENGLISH - READING

This half term, the children will be continuing to improve the accuracy of their responses in making inferences. They will be highlighting key words in the questions, referring back to the text, considering what type of an answer is required and using PEE (Point, Evidence, Explain) to construct longer answers.

MATHEMATICS

This term, year 6 children will be exploring problems involving decimals and algebra, whilst Year 5 children will be learning about decimals, percentage and perimeter and area. We will also be revising our knowledge of the properties of shapes.



HISTORY

In History, the children will be continuing their learning about who the Vikings were and where they came from. They will learn about the Viking invasions, significant historical figures, Danelaw and how the kingdoms became unified.



SCIENCE

In Science lessons the children will be continuing their learning about the states of matter. They will explore the properties of solids, liquids and gases and how and why materials change state. As part of their learning, they will also be planning and conducting practical investigations to further their understanding of the states of matter.

D&T

The children will be looking at different artworks depicting river scenes, and creating their own river-themed artwork using pointillism.



PE

In PE the children will be developing their skills in handball and cricket.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term, our enquiry question is: 'What do Hindus believe and how do they express their faith?' Children will be learning about the Hindu beliefs of Karma, Moksha and Samsara, and the principle of Ahimsa. They will also be considering how their beliefs affect their daily lives.

COMPUTING

The children will be learning about how to programme micro:bits.



FRENCH

The children will be learning some French verbs and negative forms to complete the sentence 'Je peux.../Je ne peux pas' (I am able to...')



RSHE

The children are learning about their rights and responsibilities and how to stop the spread of infections. They will also be learning about relationships.



MUSIC

The children will be continue to appraise different genres of music and they will develop their skills in performance and composition.

