

Year group: Year 5,6

Class : Birch

Term: Autumn Term 2018

English:

Narrative: We will use Pie Corbett's Talk for Writing model to stimulate our story writing. Children will be focusing on subtle character development, paragraphing and varying sentence lengths.

We will be using 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman as the stimulus for our Guided Reading lessons.

Report writing and Explanation text will link with our topic work. Improving our spelling, punctuation and grammar will remain high on the agenda too.



Invaders?

History: We will be History Detectives focusing on the reliability of historical evidence and the 'other side' of each historical fact. We will use the Romans and Vikings as the stimulus for our deeper level questioning. We will research Boudicca's rebellion from different viewpoints and try to sort out the tricky business of chronology!

Geography: We will be exploring Ordnance Survey maps and learning how to use 4 and 6 digit grid references (this will link with co-ordinates in Maths). We will look at why people chose to settle in this country - land use, natural resources etc and the rise of the Roman Empire.

Art and design: Using a variety of textile artists (there are so many here in Norfolk) we will use natural items to make our own dye to colour fabric. We will then use this fabric and wool to create a Viking seascape.

Design & Technology: Year 6 will be working with our new Forest School teacher to design and build wooden shelves for Willow class to use in their outdoor area

RE: Birch class will start the term by looking beyond Snettisham to see what is and isn't fair around the world. We will be looking at how charities attempt to readdress the balance. Later in the term we be looking closer to home and considering what the beliefs are in and around our villaae.

Music: We will continue to work with the amazing Mr Hall to develop and improve our musical abilities.

PE: Birch class will continue their Edufit sessions on a Thursday. They will also be swimming for the first part of half term. After half term Miss Prosser will be finishing off each week by working with Birch Class on their gymnastics skills.

Maths:

We will be using Power Maths (teaching mastery) to support our Maths lessons. This will develop the reasoning and problem solving skills in all areas as well as increasing maths fluency. Times tables are still disappointingly weak and we ask that grown-ups really support their children with learning them. Good times table knowledge impacts so positively on all areas of maths. Please help! We have also asked Emily to focus on Maths Fluency in her exciting Forest School sessions with Birch class.



Science:

We will be studying the structure of plants and flowers. We will look at how flowering plants reproduce and their lifecycles. We also look at classifying plants as well as seasonal changes.

Computing:

We will continue to develop our computing skills by using them to support our research, to present work and data and by continuing to develop our coding skills.

French:

In French we are locating countries around the world where French is spoken as an official language. We will then be learning to describe where we live: our home, our village and the surrounding area.

