



Invaders *How did the Vikings change life for the Britons?*

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and are now looking forward to love and peace in 2024.

Our next topic is the history of Anglo Saxons and Vikings in Britain. This theme will be taught through a variety of different subject areas in the curriculum including Art, History, Geography and PSHE.

Books:

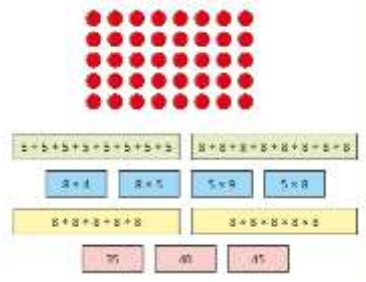
Throughout the next two terms, we will be reading a variety of books and texts during our Reading, English and Topic lessons. Texts include: Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo and The Princess Who Hid in a Tree by Jackie Holderness.



English:

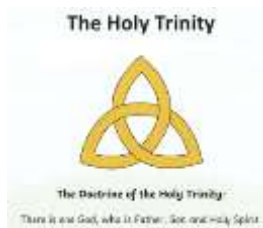
We will begin our topic by writing an instructional text to help Princess Frideswide escape the clutches of the King of Mercia. The second writing piece of Term 3 will be a recount of the Beowulf text and the rather grisly encounters with Grendel and his Mother, the Sea-Hag.

Maths:



We will begin our Term 3 Maths journey with Multiplication. The children will be representing multiplication in a variety of ways. At home, ask your child to explain and draw arrays to reinforce our learning in class. We will then move onto the inverse operation, division. Practice times tables at home to improve your child's fluency.

Science: We will begin Term 3 exploring sources of light and defining natural and artificial sources. If we get any sunshine, we will be looking at how obstructing light results in shadows and how the position of the sun affects our shadows. The children will also explore how light shines in straight lines. At home if you are using a torch at night, you could show your child how the light beam travels or get them to watch how the headlights of your car work.



Religious Education: We will explore Incarnation and the concept of the Trinity, God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit.

History and Geography: We will look at the legacy left behind in place names and locations and where the Invaders came from and why they came to the shores of Britain.



Spanish: We will be revisiting greetings and counting in Spanish before exploring animals and colour.

Music:

Using Charanga, we will be learning to play and sing a variety of songs. Our first unit is called, 'Three Little Birds' where we will celebrate Reggae music.

ART: We will design and make our clay dragons, learning how to ensure joints do not fall off by using a range of techniques. In D+ T, we will be creating Viking jewellery.



Computing: We will explore Desk Top Publishing in computing and looking at the use of pictures and images in texts.

PE will be Gymnastics every **Thursday** indoors with Coach Tom.

Year 3 will also have PE on **Friday** afternoon. This will be dance lesson this term and we are linking it to our Music lessons and learning a routine to 'Could You Be Loved' by Bob Marley

Home Learning: Reading every day and completing the Reading Record will ensure your child gets the dojos they rightly deserve. Please remember to return Reading Books and Reading Records daily as your child will read their selected book throughout the School day too. Spellings will also need to be learned on a weekly basis. These can be obtained through Dojos.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss something, please message me on Dojo or by emailing ehughes@stmcep.school