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CHALONER PRIMARY

Year 5 Topic Letter



This half-term's topic is:

The Vikings 2



Literacy



This half term the children will be covering a range of writing genres including newspaper reports, Viking myths and sagas and some poetry. The children will learn the features of the different types of writing, before planning, writing and redrafting their own pieces.

Throughout the term, the children will continue to develop their understanding of basic literacy skills with a particular focus on comparing different versions of the same text and the correct use of commas.

Science



This half term the children will learn all about the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds, including some unusual examples like egg-laying mammals and marsupials. They will find out about well-known naturalists and animal behaviourists as well as having the opportunity to propagate plants from different parts of the parent plant.

Topic Work

In our topic work, the children will continue to learn about The Vikings and how / why they settled in Britain.

After learning about the Viking raids at Lindisfarne, they will learn about Viking trade and some of the journeys made. They will also learn more about Viking settlements and the design / layout of a Viking Longhouse.

This half-term, the children will also further develop their map reading skills, including 6 figure grid references.



Numeracy

This half term there will again be a big focus on the application of children's number skills and problem solving. They will deepen their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and continue to develop their understanding of prime and composite numbers.

In topic maths, the children will learn about converting between metric and imperial measures. There will be a big focus on solving problems with converting a range of measures. Children will also collect, interpret and present data of their choice with regards to our school Sports Day.

PE and PSHE

In our PE sessions, the children will learn and develop the rules and conventions of Kwik Cricket. They will then play in competitive game situations to develop and consolidate these skills. There will also be a focus on athletics in light of our upcoming Sports Day. The Year 5 children have also been given the opportunity to plan and deliver this year's KS1 and KS2 Sports Days.

In our PSHE sessions we shall be focusing on the topic 'Changes'.

RE



In our RE sessions, the children will be learning about 'How do Christian groups differ in their expression of faith?'



Computing



In Computing, the children will be adding the finishing touches to their movie montages (audio), before presenting them back to the class.

For the remainder of the half-term, the children will be creating and writing their own maths (or Viking) quiz using 'Scratch' software.



ART and French



This half-term, the children will learn and develop their sketching skills and shading techniques, before applying these to create a drawing of a Viking longship at sea.

In our French work, the children will continue to build their vocabulary, focusing on clothes, days of the week and counting.

Notes:

PE days for Y5AD this half-term continue to be on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons however, at this time of the year, we ask that your child has a **full** kit with them at school each day.



We hope you are enjoying the 'new-look' school website. There was such a brilliant response from both you and the children with the topic homework I set; thank you - the children were clearly very proud of their efforts.

Please keep checking the Y5 area for this half-term's task!

Thank you