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CHALONER PRIMARY

Year 5 Topic Letter



This half-term's topic is:

The Vikings 2

Numeracy



Literacy



This half term the children will be covering a range of writing genres including newspaper reports, diary entries, 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. This will all culminate in a trip to the Jorvik Viking Centre in July.

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

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 will continue to develop their understanding and application of metric and imperial equivalents.

In topic maths, There will be a big focus on solving problems by converting a range of measures. Children will also collect, interpret and present data of their choice with regards to our school Sports Day (KS1).

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 continuing on the topic of 'Changes'.

RE



In our RE sessions, the children will be learning about 'How do Christian groups differ in their expression of faith?' This will include a trip to the 'Open Door' event at St. Nicholas' Church.



Computing



In Computing, the children will be continuing to work on their movie masterpieces, using the 'Stop-motion' animation app.

They will also be introduced to spreadsheets, using *Microsoft Excel* to complete a series of tasks and challenges throughout the term.



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, colours, hobbies and animals.

Notes:

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



A piece of Viking homework has been added to the Y5 class page on our school website. Please feel free to see this as a joint homework with your child. Be creative and have fun!

The children will have the opportunity to present this back to the class.

Thank you