

Autumn (1) 2017

‘From the Land of the Frost Giants’

This half term our topic is called “From the Land of the Frost Giants”. The children will be able to construct their own opinions about whether the Vikings were warriors, raiders, settlers or even a mixture of each! To bring history to life and inspire their creativity we will start with an outdoor learning activity featuring an archaeological dig with Viking remains! We will then continue with a range of practical and informative lessons exploring Viking invasion and settlement in Britain. Throughout the half term, across the curriculum, we will be exploring the IGNITE learning value of Independence?

English

In English this half term we will be focusing on a range of writing linked to our curriculum topic which will enable the children to apply their knowledge and research within a range of genres. We will begin by exploring creative writing through character, setting and atmosphere. Our writing will be driven through our class text-Odd and the Frost Giants. We will also look at non-fiction writing as well as writing in a range of genres. We will be applying our weekly spelling rule daily,

PSHE

We will be exploring the theme ‘Risks and Pressures’. The children will learn to face new challenges positively by collecting information, looking for help, making responsible choices and taking action.

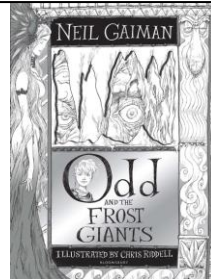
Maths

The children will begin this term rehearsing and developing their mathematical skills linked to the four operations and place value. This will help them to secure their understanding of the methods for the four operations and then applying them to a range of problem solving situations.

Creative Curriculum

Science- This unit explores ‘Properties and changes of materials’. The children will group and compare a variety of materials based on their properties. They will also use their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to separate mixtures and discover which are reversible and those which are irreversible.

Music – In music the children will learn about the concept of Leitmotiv and will be able to compose their own music theme for their chosen Norse God.



Physical Education (PE)

Our indoor PE this half term is Gymnastics with a focus on shape and balance. Outdoor PE is netball.

Please remember kit!
Indoor PE – Wednesday
Outdoor PE – Friday

Creative Curriculum

R.E- The children will study the theme of Worship through Christian and Muslim cultures.
Art- The children will kick off the term with the Take One Picture initiative from the National Gallery. We will then focus on the author/illustrator Chris Riddell.
ICT – The children will be developing their computer coding skills and looking at networks. There will always be a focus on E-safety threaded through each unit of ICT work.

Ideas for home

The children will be set weekly homework which will be given out every Wednesday and handed in on a Monday. It will consist of regularly reading their library book, learning weekly spellings in preparation for their spelling test and an English task. The Maths task will be set through Mathematics linked to their work in class.

A huge focus during this first half term will be times tables practice! The children **MUST** confidently know their tables.

Reminders and Events

Library time will be on Tuesdays.
18th September- Meet the Year 5 team and Kingswood meeting.
28th September – National Poetry Day
11th October- Home Learning due in.
16th October -Home learning display in Hall

And Finally..... Please encourage your children to plan and carry out the Home Learning task they choose with care and we look forward to their wonderful creations!