



Year 3 Topic Web

Summer 2 - 2021

Traders & Raiders



	What we will be covering in class	Supporting your child's learning at home
Engage	The Saxons are coming! The children will find out where the Saxons came from and how they got to England. Through history, geography, art, and writing, the children will discover what it was like to be a Saxon sailing over the North Sea and landing in England. They will also find out what sort of welcome they got and how the people living here reacted to them.	Talk to your child about what they have learnt about Saxons and Vikings. How was life different in those times?
Develop	We will develop the topic by learning about key Saxon figures such as King Arthur, St Bede and Alfred the Great. The children will consider the impact of the Saxons on everyday life too, such as music, religion, food, clothing and art. Then the calm will be disturbed again by the Viking invaders! We will learn about how their way of life differed to the Saxons and also read stories about the Viking Gods.	Have a look around for evidence of Saxons and Vikings when you're out and about. Ratby village itself has Scandinavian roots (we've got a Viking helmet on our school badge!) Maybe you could find out more about this at the library. Please also continue to support and encourage your child to practise their multiplication facts at home as they should know all times tables up to x12 by the end of year 4!
Innovate	The children will take part in a Viking Day! They will choose a character to be and an authentic name. They will set about making a helmet, shield and a weapon. Finally, they will write a decoded message to another Viking to ask them to join their longboat voyage and await response to then make a longboat to sail away in!	Telling the time is also a crucial life skill so please check your child read the time on both digital and analogue clocks, including 24 hour times.
Express	Using all the information they have learnt, the children will write a historical story showing off their fantastic knowledge of Saxon and Viking life.	Spellings will be given out every week to be tested on a Monday morning. Please encourage your child to practise these and fill in the sheet, writing interesting sentences to describe the words. Regular reading (both quietly and to an adult) is still very important, as is a book at bedtime!

Maths	During the next half term, the children will continue to practise +, -, x and ÷ using written and mental methods. In particular, by the end of Year 3, children should be able to add or subtract any two 2/3 digit numbers accurately. In addition to this, we will also be looking at fractions and capacity.	
English	Our topic will begin with journalistic reporting about landing at Brancaster on the Norfolk Coast, from both the Saxon and local points of view. The children will also research the legends of King Arthur and Alfred the Great and write their own including character portraits of these 2 important Saxon figures. When we move onto Vikings, we will learn how they told stories and shared poems for entertainment. Then we will have a go at writing our own. Finally, we will use the knowledge we have gained about this period in history to write an authentic story set in this time.	
Art	We will research intricate Anglo-Saxon pattern work and then create our own using printing. We will then choose earthy colours to create repeated patterns before moving on to combining with a friend to produce a masterpiece!	Music This term we will be learning how to play the glockenspiel in our music lessons.
Computing	We will use stop frame animation software to create a moving and talking King Arthur and also research Anglo-Saxon artefacts to create a virtual museum. We will also look at some censuses from the past and compare these to our own.	RE The final term's RE topic is all about learning from the milestone in people's lives through Baptisms, Bar Mitzvah and Hindu Samskaras.
		PSHE Next term we will be teaching our PSHE topic 'It's My Body'. Topics covered will be, choosing what happens to their bodies and how to say no, staying healthy, good hygiene, how to take medicine safely and keep safe around drugs. Please contact your child's class teacher for more information
History	Our whole topic will be one big history lesson! The children will collect facts about Saxons and Vikings from a variety of sources and consider how useful and reliable the information is before sharing it with the class.	French In this 'Time' unit, our classes will learn to say the days of the week, months and dates and also count on from 11 to 31.
Geography	Map work will be key in this topic. We will learn where the Saxons and Vikings came from and the geography of places in the UK linked. Then, we will find out about where they came to in England and which place names have Saxon or Viking roots, including the importance of the Viking town of Jorvik (York).	PE PE this half term will explore basic fitness components. children will share and discuss how often and how long they should exercise for and record and monitor how hard they are working.