

Year Group:

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Topic Name:

Invaders and Settlers

Term:

Autumn

LITERACY:

We will be using the book "The Sewer Demon" set in Ancient Rome as a basis for a range of writing activities to develop writing skills. We will also look at poetry that creates images, such as autumn and winter themes.

Reading skills will continue to be taught in our daily whole class guided reading sessions. Please ensure that your child reads every night at home and that you record this in their home reading diary.

Spellings will be sent home fortnightly read for tests on a Thursday. Children will also have spelling dictation during this time.

NUMERACY

We will be developing skills across the four main areas of the curriculum: using and applying; number; shape and space and data handling. We will also practise maths skills through Big Maths projects (Romans, Funfair, Christmas).

Please practise learning tables for the weekly times tables tests.

ICT

We will be using Publisher to create information posters about the Romans, Saxons and Vikings and Powerpoint to create slideshows about our topic.

We will use Serif Movie Plus to make films based on our literacy and topic work.

PE/GAMES

We will be learning gymnastics skills, using the apparatus in the hall. In outdoor PE/games we will be practising our netball skills.

MUSIC

Learning rhythm patterns. Composing and listening. Learning to play glockenspiels, drum pads and djembes.



RE/PSHE/SEAL:

RE: Communities - 'How do different religions celebrate life?' We will explore the diversity of a range of religious traditions and identify similarities and differences.

RE: Celebrations - 'Why do we celebrate?' We will investigate the importance for believers of ceremonies in which special moments in life are marked.

SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning): In our SEAL lessons this term we will be covering the themes: "New Beginnings" and "Getting on and Falling Out"

BRITISH VALUES

We will show respect for those with different faiths and beliefs.

Learn about democracy and decisions made when electing House Captains and Class Councillors.

FRENCH

To revise simple introductions (greetings). Learn the names of specific body parts. Colours. Adjectives such as big, small and enormous.

TOPIC

Invaders and Settlers:

During this topic we will be covering themes of:

- History of invaders and settlers (Romans, Saxons and Vikings) and what they did to change life in Britain.
- Researching aspects of Roman, Saxon and Viking life.

SCIENCE

Animals and Humans

Teeth and Eating - digestion and different types of teeth

Digestive system- what happens to our food.

Sound

We will be looking at how sound is made and how they can be changed in volume, pitch and over distance.

We also have planned a visit to the city of Chester to learn how to be Roman soldiers for a day, visit the Dewa Roman museum to practise skills of archaeology and look for examples of Roman influences in Chester today.

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Topic Name:

Africa

Term: Spring1

LITERACY:

We will be reading many traditional tales from different cultures, particularly those from Africa, as a basis for a range of writing activities to develop writing skills in all the different genres, including story writing and information texts.

Reading skills will continue to be taught in our daily whole class guided reading sessions. Please ensure that your child reads every night at home and that you record this in their home reading diary.

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NUMERACY

We will be developing skills across the four main areas of the curriculum: using and applying; number; shape and space and data handling. We will also practise maths skills through Big Maths projects. Please practise learning tables for the weekly times tables tests.

ICT

We will be using painting and drawing programs, such as Colour Magic to create our own versions of Africa.

We will be using websites to find out more about Africa today and Africa.

PE/GAMES

We will be thinking about African musical sounds and creating our own dances.

During indoor sessions we will be practising skills dancing- creating routines and gymnastics,



RE/ PSHE/ SEAL:

RE: Worship and Action - 'Why is Worship Important?' We will learn the main features and patterns of an act of worship and talk about the importance of worship for believers.

SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning): In our SEAL lessons this term we will be covering the themes:

'Going For Goals'

'Anti-Bullying'

BRITISH VALUES

We will show respect for those with different faiths and beliefs.

We will encourage equality of opportunity for all, and the rights of individuals.

TOPIC

Africa:

During this short topic straight after Christmas we will be covering the main themes of:

- Finding out about the culture and life in Africa now.
- Researching Africa and re-creating their artwork.
- Learning about the African traditional tales.
- Creating tourism booklets for going to Africa.

FRENCH

To name and describe family members and pets.

MUSIC

Singing using call and response.
Rhythm patterns.

SCIENCE

Electricity - different types of circuit (series and parallel); making switches. Safety aspects of electricity.

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Topic Name:

Rise of the Robots

Term: Spring2

LITERACY

We will be using the book The Iron Man as a basis for a range of writing activities to develop writing skills in all the different genres, including poetry and newspaper writing skills.

Reading skills will continue to be taught in our daily whole class guided reading sessions. Please ensure that your child reads every night at home and that you record this in their home reading diary.

Spellings will be sent home fortnightly read for tests on a Thursday. Children will also have spelling dictation during this time.

NUMERACY

We will be developing skills across the four main areas of the curriculum: using and applying; number; shape and space and data handling.

Big Maths Japan, Robots/Mach 346. Please practise learning tables for the weekly times tables tests.

ICT

We will be using Serif Movie Plus to create films based on our own robots and using Logo to control moving toys.

We will also be looking at coding- how to programme and fix different sequences to make something work.

PE

We will be thinking about how robots move and create our own dances. On Thursdays we will be practising hockey skills.

MUSIC

Singing using call and response.
Rhythm patterns.



RE/PSHE/SEAL:

RE: 'Why History and Tradition is Important'. We will learn about the traditions of different religions, including the Easter Story (Christian), the five Pillars of Islam (Muslim) and the birthday of Guru Nanak (Sikh).

SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning): In our SEAL lessons this term we will be covering the themes:

'Going For Goals'

'Good To Be Me'

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We will show respect for those with different faiths and beliefs.

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TOPIC

Rise of the Robots:

During this topic we will be covering the main themes of:

- Finding out about a culture different to our own (Japan).
- Researching different types of robot.
- Looking at artwork containing robots, including a study of Eric Joyner's work (robots and doughnuts!)

SCIENCE

States of Matter

We will be looking at solids, liquids and gases. We will also investigate changing states of matter and the process it goes through. We will look at how materials change when they are heated and cooled.

FRENCH

To name and describe family members and pets.

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Topic Name:

Water

Term:

Summer

LITERACY

We will be using stories with issues and dilemmas for a range of writing activities to develop writing skills in all the different genres. We will be looking in particular at the Horrid Henry stories and writing some of our own.

Reading skills will continue to be taught in our daily whole class guided reading sessions. Please ensure that your child reads every night at home and that you record this in their home reading diary.

Spellings will be sent home fortnightly read for tests on a Thursday. Children will also have spelling dictation during this time.

ICT

We will be using different programs to create adverts for posters, radio and television.

We will be using websites to find out more about rivers, canals and water.

PE/GAMES

We will be practising athletic and cricket skills.

We will be playing striking and fielding games.

MUSIC

Performing to an audience.

TOPIC

Water:

During this topic we will be covering the main themes of:

- The history of canals in Tamworth and Amington.
- Rivers and erosion.
- Sewing skills to create a canal boat motif.

We will be looking forward to our visit from RNLI to learning about being safe at the beach and near water.



SCIENCE

The water cycle and the processes of condensation and evaporation.

How materials change when they are heated and cooled.

Living Things

We will be looking at classifications of animals, food chains and habitats

FRENCH

Learn simple sentences to describe hobbies and leisure activities.

NUMERACY

We will be developing skills across the four main areas of the curriculum: using and applying; number; shape and space and data handling. We will also practise maths skills through Big Maths projects (Canal boats, Water maths). Please practise learning tables for the weekly times tables tests.

RE/PSHE/SEAL

RE: We will learn about different sacred books, religious stories and teachings.

SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning): In our SEAL lessons this term we will be covering the themes:

'Relationships'

'Changes'

BRITISH VALUES

We will consider the similarities and differences between people and their personal lives.