



Monkton Church of England

Primary School

Newsletter for Class 3

Term 1 - Invasion

In God's eyes, Everyone is special.

English

During the first term of the school year, our core text will be *The Saga of Erik the Viking* by Terry Jones. We will learn what the core reading skills are in order to decode, explore and understand the meaning of texts. We will focus first on understanding vocabulary, learning how to reliably use dictionaries and a thesaurus to look up and find the meaning of words, before moving onto prediction and retrieval skills.

In writing, our first genre will be Anglo-Saxon poetry, where we will explore *Beowulf*, which was believed to have been written about 1000AD. We will identify features of the language and the structure of the poem before writing our own versions.

We will then move onto Playscripts, again identifying features before writing our own simple scripts which we will then seek to act out. Finally, we will read Norse myths, understanding the difference between a myth and a legend.

Science

During this term, we will be learning all about Sound, what Sound is, how it travels and how we hear sounds.

In a separate investigation, we will seek to answer-How did Vikings dye their clothes?

Maths

Times tables will be a focus throughout this school year and time will be spent in class securely learning each time table, so that children will know them in the correct order, mixed up and develop a good and reliable recall speed of each fact. More information will be sent on the first Homework sheet, week beginning Monday 5th September.

The first term will focus on developing the children's understanding of number and place value, moving onto methods for addition and subtraction later in Term 1.

General

Welcome to Class 3, Ladybird class and the start of a new school year. We would like to welcome back our year 4 children and Year 3 to their new class, including 3 new children to our school Margo, Alistair and Logan. Our topic this term is Invasion. There is a slight change for the Team Theme after school sports club. Year 3 will be able to join the club on Tuesday after school, taking part in Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (OAA), with year 4 being able to join the Wednesday club with the same activity. In addition, Year 4 will be able to join Football club run after school on Thursdays. Other clubs will be available for Year 3, more details to follow.

RE

In Term 1, the children will be exploring Christianity, the PEOPLE OF GOD, considering the question- What is it like to follow God?

ICT

During the first term, Class 3 will apply their knowledge and understanding of networks, to appreciate the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure. They will learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet, and will be given opportunities to explore the World Wide Web for themselves in order to learn about who owns content and what they can access, add, and create., and how reliable this is.

PE

Our PE day is now Wednesday afternoon. In term 1, Team Theme will teach Football skills, with the children learning to apply tactics and developing into attacking and defending situations. They will also explore OAA- Using skills to solve problems.

Foundation subjects

History- Roman withdrawal from Britain; Chronology of invasion; Anglo-Saxon invasion; Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, beliefs and customs; Religion; Everyday life in Anglo-Saxon Britain; Viking invasion

Geography- Geographical Sources-Interconnected World - Compass points; Four and six-figure grid references; Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn; Countries, climate and culture of North and South America

Art- Contrast and Complement - Colour theory; Colour wheel; Tertiary colours; Warm and cool colours; Complementary colours;

Design Technology- Warp and Weft- Weaving

French -Year 3- Eurostars 1, Moi- all about me. Year 4- L'argent de poche- pocket money

Music - Hear it, Play it! Exploring rhythmic patterns

PSHE- Get Heart smart- finding out about how to love ourselves and others

Computing- Teach Computing- Computing systems- The Internet

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
vibration	Danelaw	addition	alliteration
vibrate	Pict	subtraction	kenning
pitch	Angle	equal	myth
volume	Celt	rounding	legend
insulate	heathen	nearest	scene

Websites

<https://trockstars.com/>- Times Table Rock Stars

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm>- Anglo-Saxons

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6/articles/zjcxwty>- Vikings

Special days/ Come join us

- Dates for diaries: PE is on a Wednesday PM; HW- new spellings and times tables will be handed out each Monday, starting on Monday 5th September, then tested on the following week on a Monday
- Tuesday 13th September- Roald Dahl Day- welcome to come in dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character or in his favourite colour- yellow
- Thursday 29th September- 150 years school celebration- more details to follow
- Friday 30th September- Flu vaccinations- more details to follow
- Monday 17th October- Equalities week
- Friday 21st October- Show Racism the Red Card Day
- Fri 21st October- end of term

Reminder, Year 3 Team Theme after school sports club is on a Tuesday after school, Year 4 Team Theme after school sports club is on a Wednesday after school.