



Monkton Church of England
Primary School
Newsletter for Class 3
Term 2- Invasion

In God's eyes, Everyone is special.

English

During the second term our core text will continue to be *The Saga of Erik the Viking* by Terry Jones. We will carry on developing our core reading skills in order to decode, explore and understand the meaning of texts. This term we will begin to focus on our understanding of inference when reading.

In writing, we will focus on non-fiction writing this term. We will learn how to write non chronological reports, using our work in history on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings to inspire our writing. We will also be writing news reports.

General

Welcome back to the start of term 2. Our topic, Invasion, will continue for a second term, allowing us to explore in greater depth the impact of invasions and invaders upon life in Britain. This term, the primary focus will be upon the Vikings, learning who they were, why they decided to come to Britain and the impact they still have upon our country today.

RE

In Term 2, the children will be exploring Sikhism, , considering the question- What is important for Sikh people? We will also complete a shorter 2 week unit on Christianity, exploring what Christmas means.

Science

Our main unit will be *Animals including Humans*. It teaches children about the human digestive system. They explore the main parts, starting with the mouth and teeth, identifying teeth types and their functions. They link this learning to animals' diets and construct food chains to show the flow of energy.

ICT

This term we will be learning how to create media, exploring desktop publishing. We will become familiar with the terms 'text' and 'images' and understand that they can be used to communicate messages. We will use desktop publishing software and be introduced to templates and begin to understand how these can support them in making their own template for a magazine front cover. They will start to add text and images to create their own pieces of work using desktop publishing software. We will then think carefully about the purpose of these and evaluate how and why desktop publishing is used in the real world.

Maths

Times tables continues to 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.

The start of the term 2 sees us continuing to improve our understanding of methods used for addition and subtraction. As Year 4 already have a head start on year 3, they will complete a separate unit on area, before both year groups move on to multiplication and division methods.

PE

Our PE day is on Wednesday afternoon. In term 2, Team Theme will be teaching Tag Rugby, with Dodgeball for the after school clubs.

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, jeux et chansons (games and songs) Year 4-Eurostars 2, L'argent de poche (pocket money)

Music - Hear it, Play it! Exploring rhythmic patterns

PSHE- Heartsmart- Don't forget to let love in

Computing- Teach Computing- Creating media- Desktop Publishing

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>
digestive system	Danelaw	multiplication	non chronological
digestion	Pict	division	glossary
ecosystem	Angle	multiples	research
producer	Celt	product	clarify
consumer	heathen	inverse	informative

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 then tested on the following week on a Monday
- Friday 4th November - Times Table Rock stars relaunch for KS2 - please come dressed as a rock star
- Thursday 10th November - Open date for new entrants September 2023 - spread the word!
- Wednesday 16th November - Years 3 & 4 Football Festival - after school - info to follow
- Friday 25th November - Spelling Bee - info to follow week beg. 7/10/22
- Week Beginning Monday 12th December - Cross - curricular Week
- Tuesday 13th December - Evening Christingle - info to follow
- Wednesday 14th December - School Christmas dinner
- Thursday 15th December - Open afternoon for parents
- Friday 16th December - Shooting Stars Pantomime for all classes and Christmas party day
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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.