Year 4 Class 8 Mrs Murphy and Mrs Milnes



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		Core Si	ubjects					
English - Writing		English - Reading		Maths				
Our fiction focus this term is Anglo-Saxon Boy where we will be reading about a boy called Magnus who is the son of a lord! This novel links beautifully to our Anglo-Saxon topic as the book is based on the real life events of Harold Godwinson. We will analyse the features, learn lots of new and challenging vocabulary alongside the grammatical features that add tension and intrigue. There are many opportunities for writing alongside this novel - fiction and non-fiction - which the children will be fully immersed in and live through with Magnus!		We will use the class novel as a golden thread through English to enable the children to fully immerse themselves in the skills in reading as a reader. The children will be read to and indeed read themselves to develop fluency and intonation which will bring the batlles, betrayal and bloodshed to life! We will also be exploring a range of extracts linked to a variety of cross-curricular areas.		For the first two weeks of half term, the children will continue to secure their understanding of Place Value and the four operations with a specific focus on column addition and subtraction. It is imperative that the fundamentals are embedded to enable and develop a conceptual knowledge and understanding of 'How and why' in maths, rather than tricks! The children will constantly use a rich vocabulary to show a security of knowledge and understanding.				
		Creative Foo	us Subjects					
History		Art (MM)		Music				
This term, we will researching the Anglo-Saxons! We will be behaving like true Historians - going on mock archaeological digs and making deductions from our findings and the available facts. We will explore what life was like in an Anglo-Saxon village and how Anglo-Saxon Britain was ruled which will all be encompassed in active and fun lessons where we will replicate that time, making our own deductions just like a real Historian! Lots of drama will help bring this topic to life - watch out on Showbie for pictures of the children's active learning.		In art, the children will be researching the life and work of Picasso. We will specifically focus on Picasso the printmaker as he is less well known for this aspect of his artistic talent. Picasso created lithographs, etchings, drypoints, lino cuts and woodcuts which the children will explore these varying techniques as some of Picasso's graphic works are a combination of several techniques. The creative outcome will involve the children creating their own family coat of arms which links to our Anglo-Saxon topic!		We will learn to read music and play the glockenspiel alongside our topic of the Anglo-Saxons. We will be using The Anglo Saxons from BBC Radio to gain a musical understanding (through singing) of the Anglo-Saxons whilst embedding the fundamentals of music to enhance our learning. The children will begin to read and write music and develop this skill throughout the year with practical lessons in playing the glockenspiel and recorder!				
Discrete Subjects								
Science	Computing	French	RE	PE	PSHE (MM)			
Our science topic is States of Matter. The children will conduct weekly experiments in order to be Class 8 Scientists and make	DARES project. In computing, the children will be learning about Data	This half-term, the children will develop their language skills in French in relation to the home	In Religious Education, the children will be studying God, exploring the key question, 'How	Indoor PE this half term will focus on gymnastics! The children will learn a range of movements which will develop in sequential patterns which	This half term, we will be continuing our topic - Relationships: Family and close, positive relationships.			

their own conclusions about different materials and their properties. Look out on Showbie - there will be pictures of our experiments and work!	Handling. We will, interpret and present discrete and continuous data using appropriate, graphical methods linking to the Anglo-Saxons!	and pets. The children will be engaging in active French conversations alongside developing accurate writing skills.	and why Christians might use the Bible?' We will engage in whole-class, rich discussions whilst exploring different viewpoints.	will be developed by the children themselves! We will be aiming to perform at a Level 1 standard and set our final presentation to music! How exciting that the children are able to gain autonomy in their learning!	The children will be actively involved in these lessons by offering their own opinions and justifications in a safe, learning environment which also allows children to raise any concerns they may have.
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