

Kingfishers' Class information:

P.E.

Our P.E afternoons will be **Tuesday and Thursday** this term. Children should wear their Skylark PE kits to school on these days.

Homework

Please practise times tables on Times Table Rock Stars daily.

Reading Diaries:

Try to hear your child read 4 times a week and update the reading diaries. Please bring reading books back to school every day.

Our school website address is:

<https://www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk/web/>

Dates for your diary:

September:

- **Tuesday 12th** - Class PE days begin
- **Tuesday 12th** - Forest School begins for year 5
- **Thursday 14th**- SportsCool coaches begin
- **Friday 15th**- Year 5/6 Federation football at Hamsey School (more info to follow)
- **Wednesday 20th** – Anglo-Saxon discovery day at Barcombe School (more info to follow)

Things you could try at home to enrich this term's project:

- Visit the British Museum
- Research about the Anglo Saxons and Scots and Vikings.
- Read some of the Anglo Saxon and Scots and Vikings stories and create a piece of artwork inspired by them.
- Visit Lewes Castle.
- Play a competitive team game.

Welcome to Kingfishers' Class. Curriculum Information History

Discover: Treasure.

**Anglo Saxons and Scots and Vikings
Term 1 and 2**



**Teacher: Miss Phillips
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Taplin**

ENGLISH

Our English work this term will take inspiration from a range of different genres. We will start the academic year using a short film as a stimulus for our writing. The Promise by Jacob Frey is a thought-provoking short film that will really get the creative juices flowing! Then we will begin exploring poetry by analysing Maya Angelou's work and using her skills to write our own poetry masterpieces!

After half term, we will be using the text Viking Boy by Tony Bradman to delve into the world of the Vicious Vikings. Using this narrative will help us to develop our understanding of Viking life and further deepen our understanding of British History.

HISTORY

Our focus for terms 1 and 2 will be based around the key question: What do we treasure the most. We will be historical detectives, discovering information about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings and Scots. We will be studying a variety of primary and secondary sources to support our research. Some of the topics that we will be studying include the understanding the chronology of historical events, a Sutton Hoo and Christian cross analysis, Anglo-Saxon treasure and everyday life and the place names that come directly from the Anglo-Saxon language. In term 2, our focus will be on the Viking raids, Lindisfarne, the life of a Viking and the Scots. All of this will be kicked off with an exciting life of an Anglo-Saxon workshop.

Our Project is:
History
Discover: Treasure.
Concepts: Power, Conflict and Value.
The Big Questions:
'What do we treasure the most?'

MATHEMATICS

In maths we will be developing a solid understanding of number and place value and exploring various techniques to add, subtract, multiply and divide, both mentally and using a formal written method. We will be investigating negative numbers, number lines, Roman Numerals, rounding, ordering and comparing numbers, estimating and applying this knowledge to real life situations. The children will also be developing their ability to reason with and solve problems involving number and place value. In Year 4 the emphasis will be on the place value of numbers beyond 10,000, whereas in Year 5 it will be numbers up to 1,000,000. We will continue to practise our times tables using Times Table Rock Stars.

P.E.

In P.E., we will be playing team games designed to build team building skills. During games, the children will develop their ability to cooperate and be a supportive team, as well as using strategy to compete against other teams. In term 2, the children will focus on dance and further development of flexibility, strength, technique and control.

R.E.

In RE, we will be focussing on the Holy Trinity. We start by looking at some of the different ways Christians show their beliefs about God. We will explore some of the stories of the Gospel which relate to the Trinity, as well as exploring biblical art work and looking at how art work representing the Holy Trinity.

ART & DT

Whilst exploring the 'big question' 'What do we treasure the most?' we will create artwork inspired by our own personal treasures and then by the treasures of the World. We will be learning about Anglo Saxon illuminated letters and then designing our own design for our initials inspired by our project 'Treasure'. As part of our DT cookery sessions, we will be making Christmas biscuits. Yummo! 😊

SCIENCE

In the first term, we will focus on the ways that living things can be classified and grouped based on their unique features and the habitat they live in. We will venture outside to explore different habitats and the plants and animals that live there. We will consider the way different plants and animals are interconnected and rely on each other. We will then use this knowledge to help us create food webs for plants and animals in our local area.

P.S.H.E

In P.S.H.E we will be exploring our 'big question' 'What do we treasure the most?' and the topics 'Being me in the world' and 'Celebrating differences'. The children will be using group discussions, games, and role-play techniques to develop their awareness of themselves, others, and the world around them.

COMPUTING

Our first computing unit is about e-safety. We will be learning how to stay safe online by finding out more about privacy settings, online conversations, connecting with others and digital literacy. We will also continue our coding lessons on Purple Mash.

MUSIC

In our music lessons this term we will be learning to songs and preparing for the Harvest festival. We will be studying a musician each month. Our September musician is David Bowie!

FRENCH

Our theme in French will be 'All About Me' in term 1, in which we will learn different vocabulary relating to talking about ourselves: our appearance, fashions, and discussing our feelings.