

### Literacy

Our model text is a narrative titled *Beowulf* (based on the Old English poem). The children will go on to write their own Beating-the-monster tales, focusing on character description.

### Grammar

-relative clauses; passive voice; semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses.

### Ways to help at home

- Practise on Spelling Shed
- Reading every day

### Music

Children will learn to use tuned and untuned instruments to learn and play a Viking sea shanty.

### Ways to help at home

Play lots of different genres of music and discuss likes and dislikes.

### PE

Children will be taking part in the Move and Learn programme in partnership with Southend FC.

### Ways to help at home

-Discuss importance of healthy eating and exercise.

### Computing

Children will learn about search tools and processes, and about how databases are built and used.

### Ways to help at home

Discuss importance of e-safety.

## Invaders and Settlers

### Mathematics

Our new learning will include:

- that decimal numbers and fractions are different ways of expressing proportions;
- reading and writing decimal numbers as fractions;
- rounding, comparing and ordering decimal numbers;
- solving problems involving line graphs;
- multiplying and dividing using formal and Big Maths methods (including coin card, Squiggleworthing, Smile and Mully).

### Ways to help at home

- Encourage children to learn their times tables at speed up to 12 x 12.
- Involve your child in every day maths problems so that they can apply their skills such as working out money transactions, differences of time and fractions of an amount.

### Eucharist

We are discussing how the Eucharist is a memorial of sacrifice, the significance of the new covenant and how to apply Jesus's teachings to everyday life. As we enter the month of Lent, we talk about the events of Holy Week. We remember this is the season of giving, and the children will be encouraged to identify with and celebrate Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

### Topic

**History** - Children will be learning about the invasion and settlement of Britain by the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, the struggle to win the Kingdom of England, various aspects of life during these eras and their legacy.

**Geography** - We will use maps to understand where the invaders were from and which parts of Britain they settled in. We will explore their use of land and natural resources.

**Art** - We will research and recreate Viking pottery using clay.

### Ways to help at home:

Discuss the period, encourage child to complete topic homework.

### Science

#### **Living Things and their habitats**

Celebrating Science Week's theme of Connections, Children will be investigating growth and reproduction in plants and animals.

**At home:** Discuss any issues that arise from your child's thoughts. Involve your child in gardening and pet care tasks.

### PSHE

Linking in with the science theme of life cycles, our 10:10 programme teaches children about God's design for creating new life.

### Ways to help at home

Discuss any issues that arise from your child's thoughts, the media, films, other children etc.

### MFL - French

Children will be further developing their written and conversational skills through the topic of animal habitats.

### **Ways to help at home:**

Ask children what they have learnt and to teach you!