

Welcome back Dragonflies! We hope you had a lovely time with your families over Christmas. We are very excited for the start of a new year and can't wait to have lots of fun with you this term.

This term, our main topic is 'Invaders and Settlers' which links to previous topic of 'The Romans'. We will be focussing on the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. We will look at life during these times including: why people came to settle in Britain, what their settlements and buildings were like, art and culture and ideas about creation.

In Science this term, we will explore the characteristics of rocks and learn their names as well as carry out simple tests on different rocks. Then, we will explore the composition of soil and think about how soil is made before learning about the formation of fossils. At the end of the unit, we will use our knowledge to look at pictures of dinosaur fossils and come to some conclusions about the living dinosaurs the fossils came from. In the second half of the term, we will begin by classifying things as living, once alive and never alive before learning about the characteristics of living things. We will also learn about the characteristic of life in plants and establish that plants are living things by finding evidence in the surroundings. During work on habitats, we will explore different examples and the species that live there. We will work both in the classroom and outdoors to look at animals and plants and further our knowledge of the variety of life in different places. We will apply what we have learnt to construct examples of food chains.

In the first half of the term, in RE we will be focussing on the big question 'What can we learn from a Mosque? - we will look at how Muslims pray, what features of a Mosque help Muslims to pray and how Muslims prepare for prayer. In the second half of term we will be looking at the big question 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? We will think about salvation, what happened during the holy week and what Christians do during the holy week.

In PSHE we will be looking at living in the wider world, focussing on inclusion, belonging and addressing extremism. We will also be focussing on our mental health. We will be learning about expressing and managing our feelings, and dealing with change, loss and grief

Our computing time will be spent programming Turtle Logo and Scratch to create and debug algorithms. The children will use the basic commands in Logo to move and draw using the turtle on screen, and then further develop algorithms using the "repeat" command.

Our PE sessions will be on a Wednesday with Miss Ryan who will be teaching dance and gymnastics. Our other PE session will be on a Friday and we will be practising our netball and tennis skills. Please remember to come into school in your PE kit on those days.

Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Enjoy the term and welcome back everyone!

Mrs Hollis and Mrs Horton

