



**Torriano Junior
School**

Curriculum
Information
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Am I a responsible and respectful citizen?

We will investigate Anglo-Saxon and Viking life through this term, including our English work on the epic tale of Beowulf. A number of exciting learning opportunities have been planned including **a visit to the Sutton Hoo exhibition at the British museum**, where the children will explore the galleries in a digital workshop using recording devices. Year 5 have also been invited to attend a screening of an interactive and informative **Viking film for KS2 children at the British Museum**.

Topic



This term we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and answering our question, 'What is there to discover?' We will be using a range of historical sources to find out about the past and discover what these groups of people left behind. We will aim to investigate and understand why the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings did not get along!

English



We will be exploring the tale of Beowulf, through which we will practise our reading skills to investigate character and setting descriptions. The children will use this along with year 5 grammar skills to write their own ending to the tale of Beowulf. Later in the term, we will be writing our own newspaper reports and explanation texts detailing the sudden invasion of the Vikings on Anglo Saxon Britain

Maths



We will spend time investigating the following subject areas through our new Mastery approach to mathematics: place value, fractions, decimals, percentages, shape, measures and use of all four number operations.

We will also improve our reasoning skills and depth of knowledge in these key areas using Add'em's questions.

Science



We will be focusing on the topic of Forces. Children will be investigating areas such as opposing forces, gravity, friction, air and water resistance. Later in the term, the children will continue to develop their scientific enquiry skills through the topic of Material, where we will investigate the properties of solids, liquids and gases.



PE

Rugby skills will be taught on Tuesday afternoons. We will build on these skills and other sporting skills on Fridays to develop children's understanding of communication and coordination through sport.

RE

RE is taught through a series of concepts which allow children to have reflective discussions about religion. Our concepts this term will be Phrophecy and The Magi. Our focus religions at Torriano Juniors are Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.

Art

The children will be focusing on Anglo-Saxon art and culture. They will create their own clay pots and illuminated lettering designs. In the second half of the term, we will begin a D.T. project, where we will make Viking ships.

Music

The children will work weekly with Mr Cambata, continuing their topic work in music. They will be looking at Anglo-Saxon history and composing their own songs. They will be writing the lyrics, melody and chord structure before finally recording their piece. Look out for the work on the website!

MFL

The children will work weekly with Mr Bioletti. This term we will be investigating verbs within the context of school and daily life. We will also extend upon our knowledge of adjectives and adverbs when giving opinions.

PSHE

Our big question this year is '*What makes me a responsible and respectful citizen?*'. As we explore this, we will be considering effective team work skills and ways in which we can manage our feelings. We will also continue to explore the Sustainable Development Goals.

Computing

The children will explore coding and develop their computational thinking through their work with Scratch. They will also attend a trip to the CLC with a digital literacy focus.