Curriculum Overview Class: Wolves

Year Group: 5/6 Term: Autumn

We are Marauders – Raiders and Traders

English
Through our topic this term we will explore many different genres of writing, including explanation text, persuasive writing and non-chronological reports. The writing process will be used to develop our editing and redrafting skills alongside our spelling, grammar and punctuation work. SPAG will be taught in discrete sessions as well as applying these in context within our writing.

Alongside reading in class, we will have guided reading sessions, which will enable us to explore a variety of different texts and support development of comprehension skills. The class will enjoy a class read book which was voted for by the children.

Novel study will focus on Black Dog by Levi Pinfold during Autumn 1, which has close ties with our PSHE work. During Autumn 2, we will explore The Viewer by Gary Crew and use it as a platform for a range of writing opportunities to develop writing skills and language.

Art & Design
This term our artwork will explore different media, including pencils, pastels and clay. We will explore Anglo-Saxon clothing, weaponry and transport to help inspire our creative outcomes.

Computing
Our Computing topic this term will focus on esafety. The Internet will be used throughout our learning this year in school and it is important that we all use it sensibly and appropriately to make it a safe place for all. Computers will be used for research and presentation of work.

Mathematics
Our maths work this term will develop knowledge and understanding of place value., including decimals. Alongside this, we will be working hard on arithmetic. As well as our 'Fluent in 5' work, we will use mental and written strategies to solve calculations involving all four operations, fractions and percentages so that our speed, efficiency and accuracy is improved. Reasoning will underpin all our mathematics and children will have plenty of opportunities to discuss their maths work and explain their strategies and patterns that they notice.

Times table facts and corresponding division facts are a crucial part of mathematics. Fluency in recalling these will support the children as we work through the Year 5/6 curriculum; they come into so many other areas of maths. It is important that children continue to practise these so they are confident and accurate. TT Rock Stars will enable children to practise times table facts online at school and at home.

Design and Technology
We have a DT project planned for Autumn 2, where we will work through the design process and create a Viking longboat. This will be used as a platform for some English work on persuasive writing, including a speech.

Geography
Through our topic work, we will be using atlases and maps as we explore the journeys and settlements made by the Anglo-Saxons, and how the land was used for trade.

Science
Our science has a biology theme this term. We will be learning all about Living things and their habitats. Exploring the life cycles of differing animals, as well as how these living things are classified into broad groups according to common characteristics. This focus will lead us to find out about the significance of the work of the scientist Carl Linnaeus, a pioneer of classification.

History
Our history topic this term is the Anglo-Saxons. We will look at the chronology of the era and explore key events such as Viking invasions, Offa's Dyke and key people such as St Augustine, King Offa and King Alfred the Great.

Modern Foreign Languages
We will continue to learn words, phrases and songs from a variety of different topics for our French learning this term.

PE
PE will be used to support children's social and emotional wellbeing. They will get active to help develop social, emotional and cognitive needs by using both paired and teamwork, giving each other feedback, learning to support one another and having FUN.

Music
Our music sessions this term will focus on body percussion to develop our knowledge on pulse and rhythm.

RE/PHSE, including British Values
Through RE children will have an opportunity to consider and discuss key questions about religion, considering British Values.
We have been exploring how we can develop positive attitudes towards our learning. This will continue to be a key theme through this term as we explore our Oxley values: 'Be Kind, Be Brilliant, have an 'I Can' attitude', guiding a focus towards any fears and uncertainty linked to lockdown and the return to school.