



Raughton Head C of E Primary School and Nursery
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Dear parents/carers,

We have all settled into school exceptionally well and are pleased to share with you our learning for this term, additional grids outlining each subject area will be available on our website.

In Class 1, this half term, we'll describe our favourite superheroes, create fact files, read a range of comic books and write our own. Learning about real-life heroes from organisations such as the RNLI or Mountain Rescue and from the past, including Florence Nightingale, Elizabeth Fry and David Livingstone, will allow us to appreciate human bravery. As part of this project, we'll explore our senses of smell, touch, taste, hearing and sight and investigate different foods. We'll also test our superpowers by climbing, running, jumping and moving to music. There'll be opportunities for us to create superhero works of art and to compose superhero soundtracks on digital instruments. We'll have plenty to share at the end of our project. We'll design colourful posters to show how 'superkids' should behave around school and create an exciting, whole-class superhero performance.

Class 2 have a busy term ahead with various topics and activities planned!

Our main topic for the term is 'Through the Ages' where we will study the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will become historians and look at tools, settlements, clothing and food! We are hoping to have a visit to Long Meg Stone Circle soon. Our English is linked to this main topic and we will be writing a story, cinquain poems, instructions and an information report. In our Science work we will look at animals and humans, talking about how we survive, what we eat as well as our body parts such as muscles and bones. If anyone has some interesting skeletons at home we would love to see these! We always love Art and this term we become experts on 'Colour', looking at colours that complement each other before creating a watercolour masterpiece. We are also going to be making our own 'Bell Beaker' clay pot which fits in with the Bronze Age part of our main topic. In Design and Technology our challenge will be to design, make and evaluate a taco! Our Geography lessons are also interesting, as we journey around the world looking at maps, learning about grid references, compass points, climate zones as well as analysing data. In RE, we are enjoying learning about Judaism this term followed by the Christian festival of Christmas next term.

During Autumn Term, Class 3 will become brave, powerful warriors! In the first half term, we'll divide into two warring groups: the Celts and the Romans. In our battle games, who will be victorious? We will research Celtic and Roman warriors and write soliloquies as soldiers. Using different source materials, we'll investigate the Roman Empire and read Roman numerals. After designing and making shields, we'll test them in battle and practice our attacking and defending skills. The Celtic warrior queen, Boudicca, will inspire us to create stories, models and artwork. We'll write plays about gladiators and a menu for wealthy Romans. Using maps, globes and information books, we'll compare Britain (the home of the Celts) and Rome (the home of the Romans). We will reflect on what the Romans did for us as we examine and sort artefacts. Our knowledge will be brought to life by a visit to Birdoswald so that we can explore the ruins of a Roman fort, a turret and milecastle.

During the second half term, we will move on to the next period in British History – the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings! We will start by making sturdy boats to sail the ocean's fearsome waves. We'll write reports as an onlooker who witnessed the Saxons' landing, and we'll find out about key dates. Using online maps, we will plot the location of Roman shore forts and draw our own sketch maps. We'll make models of Saxon weaponry, homes and jewellery and carefully carve runes using clay tools. When we learn about the Legend of King Arthur, we'll retell the story and write character profiles of Alfred the Great. We'll write poems praising King Olaf and learn about the everyday lives of the Saxons and Vikings. Using maps, we'll identify the places invaders came from and locate Viking invasion sites. We'll research Viking beliefs and take part in a scrumptious Viking feast. To consolidate our learning, Tullie House will be lending us some artefacts.

Harvest

This Sunday, 24 September, we will be celebrating the harvest at All Saints Church, 11am. This is a family service and some children have offered to lead the bible readings and bidding prayers. It is an opportunity to come together as a community and, if able, would be lovely if children could bring a donation for the food bank. The service lasts approximately 45mins and refreshments are available afterwards. Please join us if you can.

As always, if you have any questions please get in touch

With very best wishes,



Alison Dickinson
Head Teacher

Trust ourselves, Trust one another, Trust God.