

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 5 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



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Welcome

The children have had a really great start back to school. They have settled well into their new classes.



This term we are learning ...

In science, we're feeling the force and exploring gravity, air resistance and water resistance, as well as investigating the effect of simple machines such as levers, pulleys and gears.

In history, we're examining British history from 793AD to 1066AD to answer the key questions 'Is it accurate to say the Vikings were vicious raiders?' and 'How did the Anglo-Saxons regain control of Britain?'. This includes looking at the reasons why the Vikings came to Britain in the first place, how they changed over time and their conflict with the Anglo-Saxons during this period. As part of this topic, we are also hoping to visit Jorvik museum to find out more about life in York during the Viking era.

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In other subjects...

In DT, we'll be learning new sewing skills to make a decorated felt hanging decoration.

In computing, we'll be learning about spreadsheets and sharing information

In RE, we are learning about Hinduism and Christianity, and making comparisons.

In PSHE, we will be focussing on relationships and valuing difference.

In PE, we're learning a variety of dance styles and gymnastics. Outdoors, we are learning netball and then football skills.

In music, we'll be singing sea shanties and in a Gospel style, with an introduction to songwriting.

In art, we're drawing, painting and dragon's eyes, as well as sculpting ones out of clay.

Maths this term

We have a new curriculum in maths. Every day, we will be practising our times tables, counting and recapping our knowledge. This term, we're also learning about numbers up to 100, 1000, estimating angles, using formal methods for calculations, calculating the perimeter of composite shapes and investigating factors and multiples.

We will also be bringing home a log in for prodigy.com which is an online platform to help us practise our maths at home



In English ...

We're going to be reading 'Arthur and the Golden Rope', 'How to be a Hero' and 'Ivar the Boneless'. We'll be writing based on these, including a diary entry and a non-chronological report in the form of a double page spread.



We'd love any volunteers for 'Secret Story Teller' – please let your teacher know if you're able to come in and read to the class.

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