

Topic

This term Year 5/6 are considering a history of British invasion and conflict. We will be refining our research and presentation skills to produce a variety of products in our integrated learning sessions to carefully study the Roman, Saxon, Viking and Norman invasions as well as the shift of power during the time of William of Orange. With this exploration of early conflict and invasion in Britain, we will take this learning to then explore the role and impact of Britain in World War II, both at home and in wider Europe.

Literacy

As we are studying the early conflicts of the Saxons and Vikings, we will be beginning our literacy, this term, by studying the narrative of Beowulf. This epic poem takes us back to the time of the Geats in Scandinavia, to a time of kings and monsters who have to be defeated. We will be exploring a variety of narrative writing based on this era in history, creating a range of descriptive writing with the aim of adding to the story of Beowulf, by producing our own plots, monsters, villains and kings.

Maths

This term, we are beginning with an exploration of number sense by investigating the value of numbers to at least 1000000, using rounding and place value. This will then aid the division and multiplication of whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. The use of these skills in real life contexts will be explored through different problems and investigations including conversions between different units of measurement and time. As we are studying the Roman invasion in Britain, we will also be considering how these number sense skills can help us in our reading and recognition of Roman Numerals. Having explored the questioning and use of maths in real life contexts in the Shanghai and Singaporean maths programmes, we will be incorporating these techniques into our daily lessons.