Computing: Strategic searching online
In Autumn, Year 5 will learn about being a good digital citizen and how to search effectively online.

DT- Pop -up books
Children will learn about the mechanisms involved in pop-up books and will use this knowledge to develop a short story of their own which they will then turn into a book.

Music
We will be look at the history of Blues music, listen to and interpret music as well as learn to play a 12 bar blues.

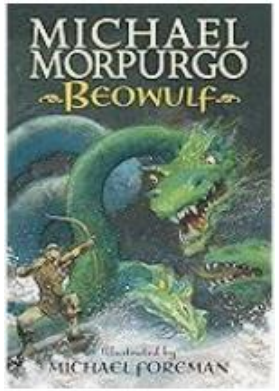
Spanish
Children will learn and practice saying items available on a Spanish menu and know about the Spanish tradition of menú del día.

P.S.H.E: Celebrate
Children will learn how the 24 character strengths are organised into 6 key virtues of wisdom, courage, humanity, justice, temperance and transcendence. They learn how these strengths can be used in different ways and how using them will increase Dopamine levels (happy hormones) and reduce Cortisol levels (stress hormones).
Don't forget the parent app for more information and suggestions on how to help at home.

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Our Text:
Beowulf
by Michael Morpurgo





P.E Days:
Thursday Afternoon - Indoor P.E: Dance
Friday Afternoon – Outdoor P.E: Netball

History:
Enquiry Question: Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?
In this unit, students will:
Explain where the Vikings came from and why they invaded Britain.
Sequence events according to their significance for groups of people.
Find evidence and make inferences from sources.
Name Viking trade routes.
Explain why trade routes were important to the Vikings.
Identify the differences between Viking sagas.
Evaluate the impact of Viking achievements.

Key words: exchange, trade route, Anglo-Saxons explorer, invaders, raiders, settlers, traders, Vikings, balanced viewpoint, impression, inference, Jorvik, observation, primary source, secondary source

Maths:
Year 5 will continue to deepen their understanding of fractions and statistics this half term, focusing on the following skills:
- Recognising equivalent fractions
- Adding mixed numbers
- Drawing and interpreting line graphs

Lessons will embed key procedures whilst also applying concepts to a range of problems. Maths fluency will be practiced daily.

Please encourage your child to complete TTRS daily!

Reading:
We will immerse ourselves in the legend of "Beowulf", which retells three stories from the epic poem. Our Reading Lessons will provide opportunity for the children to analyse the text closely. We will continue to focus on the key elements of reading, prioritising the Reading VIPERS: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise and using a Master Readers approach.
Please encourage your child to read at home each night to embed these skills further.

Writing:
The children will be writing a range of fictional pieces such as letter writing and a newspaper article description. This will lead up to writing a legend narrative.

Science:
Materials: Properties and Change
Students will deepen their learning about materials and why materials are selected for different objects based on their properties. They will investigate factors—such as conductivity and transparency—that contribute to their usefulness.
Key words: insulator, conductor, opaque, translucent, transparent, reversible change, irreversible change.