

St Mary's Catholic School



Year 5 – Autumn Term

What has the impact of Invaders been on Britain?



Science

The children will be investigating different forces, specifically those forces involved in Roman weaponry. They will look at air resistance and gravity in relation to the flight paths of the Roman javelin (pilum).

In the second half of the topic, the children will be looking closely at the properties of materials and testing them on this basis.

History

Primary and secondary sources of information will be used to help make a time line through history of the invaders – Celts, Romans, Anglo Saxons and Scots, and the Vikings.

When learning about the Romans they will learn about Italy, the Roman Empire and democracy and rule of law.

They will learn about the cultures and lifestyles of people from these different periods in history, the reasons they had for coming to Britain and how their invasions affected the formation of the country. The children will learn about the impact that these invaders have had on life today.

Geography

Using maps will help us to see where the invaders came from and settled. They will draw maps to show the extent of their invasions in Britain and how the human and physical geography impacted on their location.

Computing

Research is a key component of this topic, mostly using Google. The children will create multimedia presentations to convey key information about their learning of the different invaders.

They will also make soundtracks to invasions using Garage Band.

Throughout the topic digital literacy (online safety) skills will be developed.

Design and Technology

After investigating a range of artefacts, the children will design and make their own prototype Roman Shields, large enough to form themselves in the tortoise formation. Linked with science, they will also design, create and evaluate catapults.

Art and Design

Children will research and evaluate the use of illuminated letters in Anglo-Saxon manuscripts. They will then design and 'illuminate' one of their initials, with imagery to represent themselves.

PSHE and Citizenship

Through looking at Invaders of the past and discussing modern invasions children will identify the characteristics of successful and peaceful societies.

Music

The children will be using their imaginations and a variety of instruments to create and compose music to tell the story of an invasion, using film soundtracks as inspiration. Alternatively, they can use GarageBand to create or record their composition.