

Year 4 Spring Term 1 - Parent Information

1066

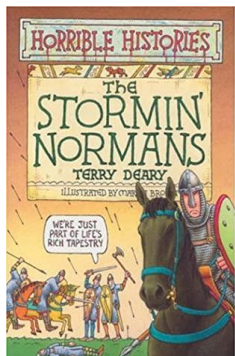
During this half term, we're travelling back to 1066, probably the most famous date in English history. These are troubled times and there is danger afoot. A much loved king is dead and a French Duke has staked a claim for our kingdom. We will discover a changing England, shaped by shires, protected by castles and ruled by foreign knights. We will use the Bayeux Tapestry to explore the significant events of 1066. What happened when, and how did William of Normandy come to be called the Conqueror? We will be designing our very own modern day Bayeux Tapestry to show all the things we love in life. Can you identify the most suitable location to build a motte and bailey castle? Are you ready for the Norman invasion? Then don your armour and watch your back!



Helping your child prepare for their project

1066 was a year of great change for Britain. Why not visit a castle or fort together to find out who lived there and when it was built? You could also make a life-sized soldier! Take it in turns to draw around each other's bodies on large pieces of paper and use images of Norman or Anglo-Saxon soldiers to inspire your design. Alternatively, you could work together to write a diary entry as a king who is about to go into battle. How would you feel?

Our Class Novel – ‘The Stormin’ Normans’ by Terry Deary



In our English, we are using ‘The Stormin’ Normans’ by Terry Deary to create non-chronological reports about the Normans. The non-chronological reports will include humorous language and comic strips.

We will then be writing a persuasive piece of writing from the point of view of one of the potential kings of England in 1066.

| Curriculum Themes for this half-term | |
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| Memorable experience | Captain Chemistry and Forest Schools |
| English | ‘The Stormin’ Normans’ by Terry Deary |
| Maths | Multiplication, division, length, perimeter and fractions |
| Science | Sound |
| A&D | Designing and making our own Bayeux tapestries and Domesday books |
| Computing | Programming - repetition in shapes |
| Geography | Identifying a good location for a castle |
| History | Key events of 1066 |
| PSHE | Keeping safe |
| RE | What do Christians believe about Jesus? |
| French | Les portraits (parts of the body, personal description) |
| Music | Ukulele with 3 chords |