

Autumn News

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How Vicious Were the Vikings?

Uniform

We are very pleased to see all your children looking so smart in their full uniforms. As a school we place particular emphasis on the children wearing the correct uniform at all times. Please see a member of the team or refer to our website if you have any questions.

Children should keep their full PE kit in school; red shorts, white polo shirt and black plimsolls or trainers. We will be starting our swimming lessons this term, please make sure your child wears normal school uniform to school on Wednesdays and ensure swimming monies are paid online or to the office.

Outdoor Learning also forms an essential part of our learning, we would ask that your child keeps a set of old clothes in school ready for these activities.

Parent Meetings We look forward to seeing you all at the Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday 13th September, where you will be able to meet all of the team including our newest member of staff - Mrs Gwennap. Parent consultation evenings will be held in November and are an excellent opportunity for you to find out how your child is progressing and settling in to their new class. In the meantime, if you need to see us, please do not hesitate to make an appointment. Things are always busy first thing in the morning, so we would have more time to talk to you after school.

This term the children will be exploring everyday life as a Viking in order to answer our essential question: "How Vicious Were the Vikings?" We will be launching this project with a visit from an expert, looking at Viking artefacts, clothing and weapons. Our classroom environments will be transformed, providing a taste of Viking Life for the children. Our end of term exhibition will be an event where the children will present their learning, becoming the experts at an authentic 'Viking Experience Event'. There will be plenty to see including battles, storytelling and even longship launches.

English

We will begin the term by focusing on a SPAG masterclass in order to revisit previous learning. After this, we will be writing our own myth based upon the story of Odin's Eye. In the second half of the term we will be writing poetry before moving onto instruction writing and recounting a vicious Viking battle.



We will, of course, retain a strong focus upon reading, which will be supported by our reading passports and karate scheme. Please continue to read regularly at home as well as learning spellings which are given out at the beginning of each half term.

Maths

In maths the children will be learning how to use a range of calculation strategies. They will learn about measures, shapes, money and fractions and will apply this knowledge when solving real life maths problems. Mental maths skills are an essential part of our learning and we will be focusing on tables knowledge. By the end of Year 4, the children should know all of their tables up to 12 x 12. Tables knowledge is so useful for many aspects of maths and builds the children's confidence considerably. We will of course be encouraging the children to continue to work towards achieving their Jedi Badges.

Science

We will start the term by carrying out experiments and investigations which will teach us how to work scientifically, identifying how to carry out a fair test and draw conclusions from our results. Later we will be looking into animals including humans.



Music

This term we will be learning some new Viking songs and singing them with expression.

History

This term's topic has a strong History focus. We will be learning all about when and how the Vikings invaded Britain as well as their daily life and beliefs. This will help us to answer our essential question: "How vicious were the Vikings?"

RE

Our learning in the first half of the term will be centred around the teachings of the Bible. We will then move onto thinking about Jesus as a person and the lessons he has taught us.



DT & Art

Our art lessons will be focused upon improving our 3D art skills which we will link to our Viking Project by producing shields to use within our battles at the end of term. In DT our focus is textiles and we will be using a range of fabrics, to create a picture inspired by Viking Longships.

Computing

We will begin the term by ensuring the children are aware of the importance of online safety as well as using the iPads to learn about how to use coding to create animations.

PE

We will be working on generic skills which are used in team sports, such as passing and marking, and will develop these through a range of ball games. We will always aim to build teamwork and play competitively but fairly. In addition, we will be swimming for ten weeks this term on Wednesdays.



From time to time we will be watching extracts from films to enhance the children's learning. Some of these may have a PG or possible a 12a rating. We will also be watching some of the Horrible History programmes, which are rated PG. If you have any concerns about this, please do not hesitate to come in and see us.