

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to our final term of this academic year. Here is a quick overview of what we will be covering.



Literacy

Within our literacy lessons we will be looking at a variety of 'Viking Myths', we will be exploring the language and features that the author has used in order to create our own descriptive writing and devising our own myths. We will also be creating a non-chronological report on Viking Longships and a newspaper article based a historical event. We will continue to work on core grammar skills and have a daily spelling lesson.

Maths

Here are the main areas we will be looking at over the next term. We will still be focusing on core skills during our weekly arithmetic lesson.

Year 3 -

- find a fraction of an amount
- add and subtract fractions
- interpret graphs
- explore the properties of 2D and 3D shape
- Time

Year 4

- find equivalent fractions
- compare fractions and decimals
- add fractions and decimals
- interpret graphs
- Time



Please could you focus on time at home. Reading a digital and analogue clock as well as problem solving, eg How long until Coronation Street starts? What time will we arrive if we leave at 2.45pm? etc

Science: The children will explore and identify the way sound is made through vibration in a range of different musical instruments focussing on how the Vikings communicated using sound. They will discover how the pitch and volume of sounds can be changed in a variety of ways and work scientifically by finding patterns in the sounds that are made by different objects such as saucepan lids of different sizes or elastic bands of different thicknesses. They will also investigate which material provides the best insulation against sound.

Art and design

This term we will look in detail at a Viking long ship and sketch a Viking long ship's prow. As well as this, we will look at a range of Viking Patterns and create our own.

History and Geography

The children will learn and re-call the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor. This will include learning about Viking raids and invasions. The children will focus on map skills to learn where in Britain the Vikings settled, and why they chose these areas.

RE

Within the first few weeks, children will learn about Pentecost and the spread of the Good News. They will learn how this made an impact on God's world and how we still use these Gifts today. We will look at the story of the 'Two Sons and the Prodigal Son,' use religious words and phrases to describe saying sorry and ask forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation

As usual, the children should be coming home with their reading record each day, along with their reading book. It is crucial that the children are reading regularly at home (reading books, newspapers or indeed anything that sparks their interest!) and that for some of the time, this involves them being heard by an adult.

We will continue to make use of the Knowledge Organisers as a school this year and the children will have already received Topic, Science and RE. These will contain key facts and information, for example dates, vocabulary, facts and events that are important for the children to learn.

In addition to this, we will also be sending home a weekly maths challenges which cover all four operations. These should only take 5 minutes to complete.

As the weather is improving and we are a Sun Safe school, children must be coming to school with a hat and be wearing sun cream. Please also ensure your child has a reusable water bottle in class.

If you have any queries or concerns, feel free to contact us.

Lower Key Stage 2 team

