

Writing:

This half term, children will be developing their writing skills by practising using features such as fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, speech and formal language. They will then apply these skills to a newspaper report and a character description of a Viking God or Goddess.

Reading:

In Guided Reading, we will be reading the book: How to Train Your Dragon written by Cressida Cowell.

Children will focus on the retrieval, find and copy and inference skills. These skills will not only help with their comprehension but will also help children to develop as confident, fluent readers.

DT:

We will be using the design, plan and evaluate cycle to create a Viking shield to help us decide on whether the Vikings were raiders or settlers.

PE:

In PE lessons, there will be a focus on dynamic balance- on a line, from jumping to landing and developing 'Reflective Ray' skills using the Real PE scheme.

RE:

Though our RE sessions, we will understand the symbolism of trees in the religions of Christianity and Judaism.

History:

Children will be studying the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.

This is what we'll be learning this half term...

VICIOUS VIKINGS



How do we remember the Vikings; Raiders or Settlers?

Hook:

On Thursday 9th January 2025, Open Box Theatre Company are coming in to deliver a whole year group assembly and three class workshops based on our Viking topic. We will also be having a Viking dress up day on Tuesday 28th January!

Express:

We will re-create a Viking invasion using our shields, will we survive the teacher's attacks?!

Maths:

As well as continuing to develop our written methods, mental arithmetic and strengthening our times tables ready for our MTCs, we will also be focussing on multiplication, division, area and fractions.

Music:

We will be appraising 'Stop', an anti-bullying song in music. They will be listening, improvising and composing within the unit.

Science:

In our new science unit, we will be identifying how sounds are made and recognising that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. We will look at the pitch of a sound and find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. We will also have the opportunity to make our own instruments.

PSHE:

Dreams and Goals

We will be discussing resilience and what it means to have a positive attitude. We will also learn how to plan and set new goals even after a disappointment.

Computing:

We are learning to understand and know how to make and use flat-file databases. We will be comparing paper and computer-based databases and learning how to use forms to record information.

Things to explore with your child...

PE:

Our PE days are **Wednesday and Thursday**.
Please ensure children have suitable PE clothing (black, white and blue only) and footwear.

Creative Zone:

- Design a shield that you could use in a battle.
- Paper mâché a helmet with a defensive design that fits your head.
- Make up a game with rules that could be played by anyone.
- Bake a feast suitable for a soldier.
- Build a junk model Viking boat using recycling from your home.
- Make a word search using the new vocabulary from this topic.

Times Table Rockstars

Please encourage your child to practice their times tables daily. We encourage 10 minutes a day.

Reading Passport

Reading is essential for your child's development. Please encourage your child to read daily for at least 10 minutes. Reading passports need to be signed by an adult 4 times per week.

Diary Dates:

Monday 6th January
Back to school

Thursday 9th January
Open Box Theatre

Tuesday 28th January
Viking dress up day!

Friday 14th February
Last day of term

