



Year 3/4 Summer 2017

Were the Vikings Vicious?



R.E.

We will be considering the use of religious symbols and the meanings for those who use them, including their use in places of worship. They will explore both Christian symbols and symbolism in the Sikh faith.

P.E.

Developing and practising athletic skills will be our focus in preparation for Sports Day. PE days are as follows:

DAHL & BLYTON: Tues & Weds

KING-SMITH: Weds & Thurs

PE kits (inc. trainers) need to be in school every day.

PHSE

We will be thinking about our close relationships and feelings, developing skills to help manage them effectively. Later in the term, the children will be considering the different types of changes they may face and the feelings, both positive and negative, which they might experience.

Home Learning

Home learning is intended to provide practise to support on-going class work. It is given out on a **Wednesday** and is due back on **Mondays**. It includes practising skills on-line using Mathletics.

Access to Mathletics is also available at lunch times.

The Home Learning project will involve choosing an aspect of our topic to research further. Details will follow shortly.

History

As this topic was launched through the Viking Wow Day, it has captured the children's interest. They will now be developing their historical enquiry skills by:

- Placing history on a timeline.
- Recognising that Britain has been invaded and why.
- Suggesting why certain people acted as they did in history.
- Knowing about ways in which people lived differently in the past (e.g. though food, and travel)
- Using various sources of evidence to answer questions and to piece together information about a particular period in history.
- Giving their point of view based on the evidence.

Design & Technology

The children will be designing and making a Viking long-ship. They will learn how to select the appropriate materials and prepare them accurately before assembling to form a secure structure. They will be evaluating their designs, considering what works well and what can be improved.

ICT & Computing

The children will be gathering information about Vikings from different sources and organising text and images in order to publish their newspaper report. They will be improving their keyboard skills and ensuring they can enter, store and retrieve information and present it effectively in an appropriate format.

English

We will be exploring Norse myths and legends and using the features to help us write one of our own.

Our topic will also provide the stimulus to write a newspaper report about the Viking Invasion of Britain. While developing our use of persuasive language, we will be creating posters and leaflets. Spelling lessons will focus on the rules and patterns the children need to practise, along with the key words for Y3/4. In grammar lessons we will focus on improving writing and editing skills. The children will have their end of year reading and spelling, punctuation and grammar tests in June.

Maths

Length, measure, time, shape and statistics will be key areas of learning this term. Particularly before their end of year tests, we will be making sure the children are secure in the calculation methods we have covered and that they are using them to solve problems. We will continue to work on quick recall of number facts including times tables through Big Maths.

Science

The children will continue to develop their scientific enquiry skills while learning about the different states of matter. They will learn about the properties of solids, liquids and gases and will investigate reversible and non-reversible changes. They will also learn how to separate mixtures.

You can help your child by:

Making sure they read regularly; practise their spellings, tables and Learn Its, and complete their homework in the time given. Please also make sure your child has appropriate PE kit in school.