

## English

We begin by reading a range of traditional tales, culminating in the children re-writing a tale from a key character's perspective. The children will also create and use a flow chart to write an explanation of a process. During the Spring term, the children will learn how to make simple notes from a non-fiction text and how to use a spider diagram to organise their own report. They will also read and write a range of poetry.

There will continue to be a strong emphasis on developing spelling, punctuation and grammar skills.

The children will also practise their joined handwriting and will work towards achieving their 'pen licence'.

During the week all children will have a guided reading session. Both classes will have a spelling test each Friday.

## History and Geography

We begin our topic by finding out who the Vikings were and where they came from. The children will learn what is meant by the terms 'invaders' and 'settlers'. We will investigate a range of Viking artefacts in order to develop an understanding of the Viking way of life. The children will learn key dates, find out about Viking raids and write letters in role (e.g. as a monk). We will develop mapping skills in order to plot main trading routes.

## French

This term, the children will be learning colours, months of the year, days of the week and French celebrations. They will also continue to build on their knowledge of simple French phrases.

## Year 3 Spring Term The Vikings



## Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will continue our learning of place value of 3-digit numbers. We will estimate numbers, add and subtract amounts of money, mass and time. We will also investigate the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, revise the 4x and 8x multiplication and division facts, fractions, measuring and adding and subtracting lengths, column addition and subtraction, pictograms and data handling and counting in steps of 50 and 100 and perimeter.

Each week, the children will use their multiplication fact knowledge in *The 99 Club*.

## Computing

The children will learn the basics of quick and efficient typing. They will also learn how to use emails and write a good email.

We will continue to consider the importance of online safety.



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## Ways you can help at home

**Read** little and often each day, asking questions about the text.

Practise 2, 5, and 10 **times tables** from Year 2 and 3, 4 and 8 times tables as they are introduced in Year 3.

Encourage your child to complete their **Home Learning Projects** and hand them in on time.

Encourage your child to be independent and sort equipment, including **Spelling and Reading books**, for school themselves.

Remind children to have a **full PE kit** in school all week.

## Music

We will learn how to explore arrangements and pentatonic scales. We will also learn how to play a range of notes and how to read and follow simple musical notation. We will continue to develop our singing skills and apply these to our Viking performance!

## Art and DT

In Art and Design, the children will develop their art techniques and use a range of media to create artwork, including Viking longships.

In Design and Technology, we will investigate how to strengthen and reinforce structures. The children will design, make and evaluate a Viking longhouse.

## Science

In our first Science topic, the children will become 'Rock Detectives' as they learn how to compare, group and describe properties of rocks. We will also learn about why and how fossils form as well as exploring different types of soil.

Our second Science topic this term will be 'Plants'. We will explore the life cycle of flowering plants, including: pollination; fertilisation; seed dispersal and seed germination.

## RE and PSHE

In RE this term the children will explore what can be learnt from a Mosque and will also learn about 'Salvation'.

In PSHE we continue to learn about Health before beginning new learning about Difference and Diversity.

## PE

Indoor and outdoor PE will take place each week. Please ensure children wear no jewellery and have appropriate indoor and outdoor kit in school.

In Indoor PE, the children will be performing gymnastics. The children will continue to develop their skills and apply these skills to perform short sequences. In Dance, children will be making small Viking dance sequences in preparation for our Viking assembly later in the term.

Outdoor PE will be based on Net and Wall and Fun and Fitness games this term. We will be learning ball handling skills, movement with the ball, attacking and defending skills. We will be learning about agility, balance and co-ordination skills. We will also be playing some small sided games to allow us to understand how these skills can be applied to a game situation.

Within PE we will be ensuring that we are showing Passion, Self-belief, Respect, Honesty, Teamwork and Determination.