

Literacy

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 create and use a flow chart to write an explanation of a process.

They 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 read and write a range of poetry.

There continues to be a strong emphasis on developing spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. Both classes will have a spelling test each Tuesday.

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

During the week all children will have a guided reading session.

RE and PSHE

In RE this term the children will be looking at 'What Can We Learn from a Mosque and 'Salvation'. In PSHE our topics are: 'Health' 'Drugs and Alcohol Education' and 'Difference and Diversity'. The children will be linking with children from West Park School in Wolverhampton to enhance their learning.



Maths

Our Maths topics this term include estimating numbers, adding and subtracting amounts of money, mass, time, properties of 2d shapes, revision of 4x and 8 x multiplication and division facts, fractions, measuring and adding and subtracting lengths, column addition and subtraction, pictograms and data handling, counting in steps of 50 and 100 and perimeter. We will also base problem solving around these topics.

Computing

The children will learn how to write a good email and how to use ICT to give/follow simple instructions. We will learn about databases and branching databases. The children will investigate and use motion animation software.

Year 3 Spring Term The Vikings

PE

Swimming commences on Thursday 11th January (see separate letter)
Indoor PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure children have appropriate kit in school.
In gymnastics the children will develop and improve short sequences and transfer skills from mats to large apparatus.
Within PE we will be ensuring that we are showing Passion, Self-belief, Respect, Honesty, Teamwork and Determination.

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).

Art and DT

The children will sketch and create tiles based on Viking runes. We will use a range of media to design illuminated letters. We will develop simple weaving techniques using cardboard and wool.

We will investigate how to strengthen and reinforce structures through learning about Viking Long houses.

Music

The children will be following Music Express.

We will begin by exploring musical arrangements and then investigate Pentatonic Scales.

French

The children will be continuing to learn basic phrases. They will learn how to say what they like doing and learn some familiar animal names. The children will learn about French schools and classrooms.

Science

The children will be continuing their topic on Light.
Our second science topic this term will be rocks. Children will be learning how to compare and describe the properties of rocks. They will also learn about fossils formed in sedimentary rocks and will be exploring different types of soil.