



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Summer Term 2



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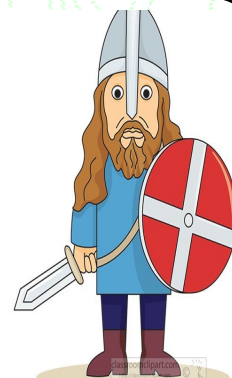
Mrs Jackson



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English

Our English will be linked with our work on Vikings. During the first weeks back, we will be reading 'The Dragon's Hoard' by Lari Don. It's a fabulous book full of Viking sagas and myths which we will read, pick apart and then rewrite from a different character's viewpoint. After that, we will study the end of the Viking period by studying the events surrounding the Battle of Stamford Bridge and create a newspaper report. We'll end the topic by writing Viking poetry about Valkyries and Valhalla.

Maths

In Year 3 maths, we will carry on learning to tell the time to the nearest minute on analogue clock faces and converting between digital and analogue times. Then we will move on to 2D and 3D shapes and learn how to measure perimeter. This half term in maths, Year 4 will be learning about statistics, specifically interpreting bar graphs, pictograms and tables. Also, the children will be building on their knowledge about shape, looking at angles in triangles and quadrilaterals.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read their school reading book out loud to an adult at least three times a week at home, for at least 15 minutes each time.

Please support your child's understanding of the text by asking questions about what they've read.



Topic - The Vikings - History and Geography

We are continuing our work on the Vikings. We will look at the changes which happened over the Viking period and describe connections and contrasts between this era and other periods of history. In geography, we'll learn how to use an OS map to navigate a walk around the local area. We'll also use atlases to research the human and physical geography of Scandinavia.

Science

We will be learning all about forces and magnets in science this half-term. This will include lots of hands on, practical investigations to compare how things move on different surfaces, how some forces need contact between two objects but magnetic forces can act at a distance and observe how magnets attract or repel each other. We will also be confident in describing magnets as having two poles, be able to identify them and teach others about magnetic poles. We'll also use our growing understanding of scientific investigations to compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet and predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.

Computing

We are learning how to create animations this half-term using a software programme. We will base our animations on a different Viking saga to the ones we learn about in English to turn the text into an animated film. There will be a cinema afternoon where we can watch all our films on the big screen with popcorn.

Art

Our art work will focus on the Vikings. We are going to explore textiles and sewing. Once we have mastered this, we are going to design and make our own Viking purse/wallet.

PE

On Tuesdays, we will be continuing to develop our cricket skills, focusing on hitting, bowling and catching. Year 3 are doing athletics to improve their running, jumping and throwing skills, whilst Year 4 pupils continue their swimming sessions.

MFL - French

Our French topic is 'What's the Time?' This will be done through active listening and speaking activities such as engaging in conversations, asking and answering questions, responding to others and developing accurate pronunciation of words and phrases.

PSHE

Year 3: Health and Wellbeing - being healthy. Our key question is 'Why should we keep active and sleep well?'

Year 4: Health and Wellbeing - keeping safe. Our key question is 'How can we manage risk in different places?'

DT - Textiles

We are completing our stuffed mascot for the Paris Olympics in DT using our textiles skills and the whip, blanket and running stitches. Once finished, we'll be reviewing and assessing our product as well as the successes and challenges we faced along the way.

RE

We will continue to learn about Judaism and Christianity and make links between them.

Forest School

We will be learning how to weave and make fires to cook traditional Viking food.

Music

Singing will be linked to Vikings, focusing on singing rounds and parts.

Important Dates...

- 3.6.24 - 21.6.24 - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- 19.6.24 - Sports Day
- 25.6.24 - Y3 parent residential meeting @2:40pm
- 27/28.6.24 - LKS2 Viking Days
- 4.7.24 - Parent Celebration Event @2:15pm
- 15.7.24 - End of year reports go out to parents

