

Longships

Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 1st Half 2017



Staff:

Miss Nagy (Class Teacher)
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Mrs Gabriele (Head Teacher)
Mr Keast (Sports Leader)

Homework and Spellings:

This term we will be continuing to work through the curriculum spellings list. The children have completed a spelling test to identify any gaps in their knowledge of the common exception words. **Helping your child to learn their spellings will really make a difference!**

Homework will still be set on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday. Spelling tests will be given on a Thursday this term, so that they can be marked ready for Friday. As always, thank you for your ongoing support. I hope you feel your child is settled, happy and making good progress.

Vikings



How should we remember the Vikings?

A little taste of what we'll be doing...

- Making our very own Viking figure heads
- Designing and testing Viking Longships
- Having a go at Viking Saga Songs
- Discovering how Vikings travelled from Scandinavia

Maths:

In Maths this half term, we will continue to apply our learning to different contexts. We will be exploring factors, multiples and fractions. We will also be focussing on division, and multiplication whilst also recapping some of the key learning from last term. We will be having an ongoing focus on 'mastery', which includes using Maths in real life, real world situations. We will be practicing our times tables frequently this term, and homework will be linked to this, please practice with your child if you get the chance as this will support them in and out of school!

English:

In English, our first class story (Eric and the Sea Dragon) introduces our topic. We will be exploring this story and the use of different language features to hook the reader through the Talk 4 Writing scheme. We will continue to develop our understanding of different texts during accelerated reading sessions and whole class guided reading. When reading with your child, see what nouns, adverbs, adjectives, conjunctions and figurative language, such as simile and metaphor, they can find in their books. This will support their writing in class. We will also be continuing to focus on our handwriting and joining letters, working hard to get our pen licences.

Science:

In Science during this first half term, we will be studying forces. We will look at air and water resistance that the Vikings faced whilst travelling on their longships across the sea. We will consider how gravity and friction can play an important role too. They will also recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

Computing:

Across the curriculum, the children will be encouraged and supported to continue to develop as responsible, competent, confident and creative users of information and communication. We will use our computing skills to present data and information throughout the term.

Religious Education:

In R.E., we will have a focus on Christianity, beginning to explore how Christians put their beliefs into practise and be able to identify some different types of biblical texts, using technical terms correctly.

History:

In History this half term, we will be studying the history of Vikings and resistance by the Anglo-Saxons. We will explore the raids, trades and the life and culture during the Viking era.

Geography:

In Geography we will be studying the travels of the Vikings, exploring where they came from, why they came to Britain and where important raids took place.

ART:

In Art this half term we will be focusing on creating our very own longships figure head using clay.

D.T:

As part of our Design Technology this term, we will be linking this with our Science, working hard to design and make Longships that would be suitable for a Viking army.

Music:

In Music this half term, we will be listening and learning Viking Saga songs to perform.

Primary Languages:

This half term, we will be learning some French. We will practise simple phrases and be able to ask and answer questions, working hard on our pronunciation.

P.E.

P.E. this half term will take place on a Monday with Mr Keast and Wednesday with Mrs Gabriele. The children will be learning both baseball and hockey.

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school on a Monday and a Wednesday. Thank you.

This list is a brief summary of what we will be covering in the Autumn Term. It may change or include other areas. Please feel free to ask the class staff any questions you might have about the content of the curriculum or any other part of school life.