

## The topic we will be covering this term is: The Vicious Vikings

### Literacy

We will be using the book *How to Train your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell as inspiration for our writing. The children will be writing non-chronological reports where they will explain how to look after their dragon and newspaper reports where they will be reporting on some ghastly invasions of the period.

### Maths

This term we will be focusing on place value, calculation written methods alongside fractions and decimals. Children will be applying their learning through problem solving, including word problems and maths investigations. Children will use their knowledge to share Viking food, dealing with Viking money and distributing Viking armies equally.

### Science

We will be learning about the human body, focussing on the digestive system. This will link to the children exploring animal's bodies in comparison. Children will be looking at animal food chains. They will apply this knowledge when exploring the Viking diet, their use of medicines and animals.

### ICT:

We will begin with learning fundamental skills for creating and retrieving data. This will enable the children to create their own website about The Vikings, using a step by step computing guide. Children will copy and paste relative information as part of this process.

### P.S.H.E.:

This term we will be setting our rules, expectations, routines and goals for the new year. We will be focusing on new beginnings to ensure all children have a positive start to year 4.

### Art and DT

We will be focussing on the detail of Viking long ships and warriors. We will be recreating Viking jewellery and a Viking village.

### Geography:

Linking to the Vikings, children will follow their journey from home countries to countries they invaded. We will consider the lasting impact of the Viking invasions on modern day life. Children will explore old and new maps of the UK and plan their own attacks.

### P.E.

Children will be developing their knowledge skills and understanding of team work, throwing, catching, footwork, and general coordination on a pitch. Children will apply these skills to competitive games such as football, benchball, netball and hockey.

### R.E.

Children will be learning about Christianity and attitudes towards God. We will understand why the bible is special and highlight books that are special to our children. We will explore the symbol of Jesus being the light of the world. We will also be looking at Viking Gods and why they were of great importance to them.

### Music

This term we will be listening to different styles of music and understand how they can evoke different reactions. Children will listen to traditional Viking music, including war chants. Children will try and create their own and also create their own lyrics.

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### Year 4



#### Team Members

##### Teachers

Mrs Bewick and Mr Hughes

##### Teaching Assistants:

Mr Hodgson and Miss Todd

#### History:

History forms the foundation of this term's topic - The Vicious Vikings. We will become Viking experts: placing them on a timeline and learning about their impact on England, using artefacts, pictures and rune stones. We will learn about everyday life for the Vikings and enhance this in our role play areas.

We are planning a trip to Bede's World to enhance our learning about the life of Vikings.

#### Gentle Reminders:

- Please ensure your child's clothes are fully labelled with their name.
- The weather could be very changeable at the moment; your child needs to bring a coat each day for break times and outdoor learning.
- Children will be able to buy a tuck shop bar during morning break every day - 30p only please. Water bottles are available at £1.50.
- Your child needs to have a PE kit in school every Monday morning and left in school on your child's peg. Our PE days this term are Tuesday and Wednesday, however there will be other opportunities to take part in sport related activities during the week. We will send it home frequently to be washed.
- We will be using lots of creative materials to enhance our learning. Please contribute as many boxes, kitchen rolls and yoghurt pots as you can! **(No toilet rolls due to health and safety rules!)**
- The school day ends at 3:15pm if you are running late or need extra childcare we have the afterschool club available, which is £4 for the first hour. Please speak to a member of staff who will happily assist you.

#### Homework

- Reading folders and homework will be given out on a Friday. These should be returned on a Wednesday.

#### Don't Forget ...

**We are always here to talk about anything you may be concerned about. Please don't hesitate to come and speak with us.**

