

Curriculum Newsletter

Year group

Summer 1

Vikings



Welcome to the Summer term! Our topic this term is **Vikings**.

Children will immerse themselves in the life of the Norse people. They will learn what countries they originated from, how they lived their daily lives and why they were known to invade many countries and create settlements there. We will also have a chance to explore some genuine Viking artefacts towards the end of the topic, with a trip to the British Museum.

Goldilocks words:

The Goldilocks words are the key vocabulary the children will learn, understand and be able to use by the end of the topic. They are called Goldilocks words as they are not too easy, not too hard, but just right!

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| • Vikings | • battlefield | • seas |
| • Baltic | • brutal | • challenge |
| • fighting | • brutality | • destroy |
| • barbarian | • anvil | • heathen |
| • Scandinavia | • helmet | • raids |
| • empire | • King | • settlements |
| • plunder | • medieval | • compass |
| • attack | • myth | • conquest |
| • coastal | • sail | • shield |
| • combat | • savage | • voyage |
| • invade | • armies | • ships |
| • invader | • enemy | • warfare |
| • pillage | • expedition | • foreign |
| • fierce | • Gods | • century |
| • Saga | • loot | |
| • descendants | • lands | |
| | • navigation | |

Ideas for home learning:

- **Science:** Make an anemometer to record windspeed and direction

- Research more about climate change using the link below. [Changing Weather and Climate Patterns | Key Stage 2 | Geography in the News](#)

- **PSHE:** Create a poster explaining the effects of too much time gaming online .

Topic: Vikings create your own shield using recycling bits from home

Key messages:

P.E. **Wednesday and Friday** **SDB Wednesday and Thursday**(wear P.E. kit to school on P.E. days)

Reading Record reminder — please try to read every night

English

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In English, we will be reading the book **Viking Boy** by **Tony Bradman**. We will be focusing on describing characters and their thoughts and feelings. Describing settings using ambitious vocabulary
Writing action scenes, obituaries, and additional chapters

Physical Education

This term, children will be making up different rhythms, sequences and dances for PE and also starting to expand their athletic skills ready for the summer terms sports day later on in the year. hockey, working on our dribbling and ball control skills.

PSHE

This term our jigsaw theme is Relationships. Each week we will cover the topics Recognising me, Being and online community, Online gaming, My relationship with technology and screen time, and staying safe online

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Science

This term our science topic is 'Weather and Climate'. Children will research the differences in weather and climate patterns around the world; we will identify the similarities and differences in the weather conditions in different world zones, and design a device which reads the weather.

RE

In RE we will be learning about Judaism. How they keep their religion alive through teachings of the Shema. The importance of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah and the importance of the synagogue in Jewish life.

Mathematics

Our first topic this term will be angles and shape, in which we will learn all about categorising and measuring angles before going on to study angles occurring within shapes. Next we will study position and direction, including plotting/translating coordinates and also mapping lines of symmetry. Just before half term we will return to decimals, building confidence in adding and subtracting to differing numbers of decimal places.

Computing

This term we will be studying cryptography—the transmission of encoded messages over distance. After beginning with study of historic systems such as Morse code and semaphore, we will move on to ciphers, online codebreaking and network/password security.

IPC/Topic

We will be exploring all things Vikings!! From Viking Ships, Raiders and Conquers, Viking life in Britain, Trade and Industry, their clothing and how Magic and Religion played