



**English**

**Writing**

**Key text:** *Odd and the Frost Giants* by Neil Gaiman & Chris Riddell

**Outcomes:** Narrative recount, character and setting descriptions, letters, short explanations

**Main outcome:** Retelling from an alternative perspective

**Key text:** *The Matchbox Diary* by Paul Fleischman

**Outcomes:** Dialogue, diary entry, retelling (oral dictation), mini auto-biography, fact file

**Main outcome:** Non-chronological report

**Reading**

**Key text:** *Viking Voyages* by Jack Tite

Around 1,200 years ago the legendary voyaging Norsemen set sail to raid and trade - the Viking Age had begun. Step back in time to find out what Viking life was like, how they travelled, where they traded and their rich mythology. Come face to face with a fearsome berserker, explore inside a Viking longhouse and learn how these expert boat builders made their fleets.

**Key text:** *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll

It's World War 2 in London. Olive and her brother Cliff are watching a film at the picture house. Sukie – their older sister - disappears not long after they had settled in their seats to watch that week's feature, asking that the siblings wait for her in the foyer after the film has finished. Except the air-raid siren sounds and the cinema is evacuated. They wait for Sukie as long as is safe but are then herded out to the air-raid shelter but disaster strikes and Olive is hit and has to go to hospital to recover.

**Spelling:**

- Recap previous year's spelling patterns
- Spelling words on the Year 3 and 4 word list from the National Curriculum.
- We will be following the Read Write Inc Spelling programme throughout the year.

**Maths**

**Measure – Area**

- What is area?
- Counting squares
- Making shapes
- Comparing area

**Fractions**

- What is a fraction?
- Equivalent fractions
- Fractions greater than 1
- Count in fractions
- Add 2 or more fractions
- Subtract 2 fractions
- Subtract from whole amounts
- Fractions of a set of objects
- Calculate fractions of a quantity
- Problem-solving – calculating quantities

**Science**

The children will be exploring the topic of Living Things. They will be able to recognise that living things can be grouped in different ways, look at different habitats, explore and use classification keys to group, identify and name a variety of living things, and recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

**History**

We will be learning all about the Vikings and the reasons why they raided and settled in Britain.

**Art & DT**

Children will design, make and evaluate an innovative nightlight for themselves or another user, such as a younger brother or sister.

**PSHCE / RE**

In PSHCE, children will be learning about how to be healthy. In RE, they will learn about how the Five Pillars guide Muslims.

**PE/ Swimming**

Now that our swimming sessions have finished, Year 4 will have PE lessons on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Children can come into school wearing sports clothing and trainers on both Thursdays and Fridays.

**Homework**

Homework is given out on Fridays and should be returned to school on Thursdays please. Each child has been provided with a book to keep all of their homework together. Please remind your child to return this to school each week.

**Coming up:**

- World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March!
- We will have a Grow session on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, to introduce our Science topic of Living Things. Children to wear playing out clothes and wellies on this day please.

**Miss Wood teaches our class Monday to Wednesday and Miss Westwell teaches Thursdays and Fridays.**

**Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.**

**Thanks so much for your ongoing support!**