



# AMETHYST CLASS Newsletter

Welcome back to our last half term of 2023!  
I hope you had a great break and are ready for our topic of 'Vicious Vikings!'

## RE



### How do Christians prepare for Christmas?

What is Advent?

When is Advent?

Why is Advent a time of preparation?

What is being prepared for during Advent?

What has this unit taught you about what it means to be a Christian?

What has this unit taught you about Christian beliefs?

Have you learnt anything about yourself from this unit?



Our Gospel Value theme is Peace.

## PSHE



Getting on and Falling Out

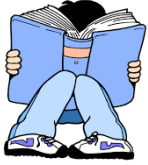
- Anti-bullying
- Tolerance
- Mutual respect

## PE



Mondays: Swimming

Tuesdays: With Mr Olloman/Mr Evans, our PE Specialists



## English

Stories with Historical Settings

Poetry

~ Daily guided reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation



## Maths

Fractions, decimals and percentages

Measurement

Position and direction

~Daily arithmetic



## History

Vicious Vikings

- Who were the Vikings?
  - How did they gain their fearsome reputation?
- How did later Anglo-Saxon rulers deal with the Viking threat?
  - Who was Alfred the Great?
  - Who was Athelstan?

## Science

Sustainability

- Learn about climate change
- Explore ways to reduce how much rubbish is sent to landfill
  - Explore ways to reduce energy consumption
    - Explore what happens when fuels are burnt
      - Explore the outcomes of COP26
  - Explore data associated with the weather



## Music

**Developing ensemble skills**

- Be able to read an noted instrumental part.
- Use dynamics and expression in their performances.
- Use gradual changes from soft to loud (“crescendo”) or from loud to soft (“decrescendo”) to help make music more exciting.



## Design Technology

**Electrical Systems**

- Research a range of products to develop a design criteria.
- Evaluate and analyse a range of existing products against the design criteria.
- Design and create a prototype to match the design criteria. Create labelled diagrams and models.
  - Draw and label an electrical circuit after testing different possibilities.
- Make and evaluate a tool to create renewable energy using the design criteria



### French

All about ourselves

- Christmas vocabulary
  - The body
- What do I look like?

### Computing

Online Safety



### Our expectations and learning ethos

In Amethyst Class, the expectations are that your child will be a self-motivated and enthusiastic learner. To encourage this, your child has many opportunities to be rewarded through house points, Star of the Week and class rewards such as raffle tickets and Golden Time. We also hope you will support us in reinforcing our class rules, which we wrote together and agreed as a class, to make our class a safe, happy and productive place to be.



### Things to remember to bring to school every day

- ~ Reading book and reading record
- ~ A coat
- ~ A water bottle



### Daily

- Reading to an adult at home every day
- Learning spellings

Reading is so important for your child's development and progress across the curriculum, so please encourage your child by listening to them as often as you can.

### Half Termly

Each half term your child will receive some different open-ended project tasks to be completed by a given date. The projects will be based on the topics we are doing in class. If your child cannot complete their homework for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

### And finally ...

The education of your child is a partnership between you and us. Please contact us if you have any worries or concerns about your child or feel there is something we need to be aware of. If you cannot see us at school, we can be contacted via the school office.

Mrs Chambers

