

Year 5 Term – Spring 2

This term we will be learning...

We are going to use our historical skills by inquiring and studying about the Vikings!

Through our exploration of the Vikings, children will gain insight into their way of life: what they ate, how they lived and their daily routines.

We will also continue to develop the chronological timelines skills of our pupils while studying key specific events in this period of History. Children will be able to explain how the Vikings governed themselves and how they were so successful in invading different parts of the world. We can't wait to start exploring this!

Here come the Vikings!



Educational Visits

Year 5 Residential will take place March 20-22nd! We also have an amazing trip booked to a coding competition. Stay tuned for more details!

Ten interesting facts about the Vikings...

1. Vikings didn't wear horned helmets...
2. Vikings were known for their excellent hygiene...
3. Vikings used a unique liquid to start fires...
4. Vikings buried their dead in boats...
5. Vikings were active in the slave trade. ...
6. Viking women enjoyed some basic rights...
7. Viking men spent most of their time farming...
8. Vikings skied for fun...
9. Viking gentlemen loved being blonde...
10. Vikings were never apart of a unified group...

English

- In Reading, pupils will deepen their understanding of reading skills such as asking and answering inferential questions, finding themes and understanding the structure of texts and authors' word choice and how they contribute to its meaning. Children will participate in discussions, structured role-play activities and will be expected to support their opinions with evidence from a wide variety of texts.
- In Writing, pupils will continue developing their skills through practising, applying and mastering them in a wide variety of genres. This term we will be focusing on: punctuation to clarify meaning in complex sentences, embedded clauses, writing sentences in an appropriate and effective style in relation to text from – audience and purpose and using hyphens to avoid ambiguity.
- This half term's key text is: How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Science

Living things and their habitats

This half term we will continue to learn about a variety of living things and their habitats. Children will continue to explore and dive deeply into the life cycles of plants. They will compare the similarities and differences between plants and animals in their local environment and those around the world. We will support them in asking questions and providing reasons for their findings in investigations.

Mathematics

Fractions: Pupils will continue to look at fractions and in mathematical and real life situations. They will multiply mixed fractions and review finding fractions of amounts. Children will have the opportunity to consolidate what they learned last half term and ensure all misconceptions are addressed. They will read and write fractions as decimals and solve problems that include fractions.

Decimals and percentages: Pupils will read, write, order, round and compare decimals up to three places. They will understand that per cent relates to number of parts to one hundred. They will solve problems that include decimals and percentages.

Computing

Coding and Digital Literacy

Pupils will continue to learn how to use technology to develop coding and control of associated technology, with both speed and precision. They will also become more confident and literate with Google and the G Suite (Google Apps). They will also focus on what it means to be safe online.

You might like to join in with our learning at home by:

Reading

Support your child by reading with them and asking questions to further understanding around the text.

Watching

Learn about the Vikings:

<http://www.history.com/topics/exploration/vikings-history/videos/life-of-a-viking>

Doing

Recreate a Viking meal with your family!

Visiting

Visit the Viking exhibition at National Maritime Museum.