

Year 4

Term: Autumn 1



Spoken Language:

Re-telling the legend of Beowulf.
Role playing as characters from the story.
Asking questions to deepen understanding.
Re-telling Viking Legends

Writing:

Write our own versions of a Viking Legend. Non-Chronological Reports: We will be writing detailed reports all about Vikings and how they lived.

Engage:

To engage in the topic we will have a special visitor who will hold a workshop. He will tell us Viking facts, tales and share artefacts with us. We will also have a range of resources and artefacts on display which we will be able to use and observe throughout the topic to support our learning.

Maths:

- Place Value
- Rounding
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplying
- Factor pairs

Computing:

Data Collection

Science:

Sound - Learning how sounds are made. Finding out about the pitch of different sounds.

Finding patterns between volume of sound and vibrations.

Reading: We will be reading 'How To Train Your Dragon'.

Vicious Vikings



Were the Vikings raiders or settlers?

History:

How do we remember the Vikings: **Raiders** or **Settlers**? Looking at why the Vikings invaded Britain, as well as researching how they arrived and why they settled here.

RE:

Rituals (water). We will describe the meaning of rituals and the value of these to Christians. We will share our thoughts on rituals with water and how this applies to our lives.

Art:

Creating detailed watercolour paintings of dragon eyes, based on the dragon figureheads of Viking Longboats.

<u>PE:</u>

Hockey: focus on travelling with the ball, passing and defending.

Football: focus on attacking and defending.

Prove It:

The children will become Vikings! They will describe exactly what life as a Viking was like. They must include various aspects of a Viking's life, from what they eat and drink to how they fight in battle.

Showcase:

Children will present a Viking long boat song and show their learning at 2:30PM on Wednesday 16th October.

PSHE:

Being Me In My World: We will be learning about how to make others feel welcome, thinking about how everyone has the right to learn and caring about others and their feelings.

Music:

Historical instruments and Viking Songs

Spanish: We will be learning the key skills of a new language

Things to explore with your child!

Our PE days are:

Germany: Wednesday and Friday Italy: Wednesday and Thursday Spain: Wednesday and Thursday Poland: Wednesday and Friday

Home Learning:

Maths, Reading and SPaG home learning tasks will be set using Teams. We use *Times Tables Rockstars* to practice our times tables. Please aim for your child to do these at least 3 times a week.

Home learning is given out every Thursday and is due in on a Tuesday.

Reading:

We encourage you to listen to your child read at least once a week and write in their reading record, which will be made digital on Teams through 'Class Notebook'.

Ideally they should read every evening, making sure they read a variety of different genres. This could be for as little as 5 minutes.

Writing:

Over this half term we will be looking at Viking legends.

Discuss with your child: What myths and legends do you know? What do they have in common? Who is the hero in the story?

If possible, visit your local library and find some myths and legends to read together.

Maths:

Encourage your child to practise their times tables daily as these underpin all other aspects of maths (ask them to teach you some of the games they have learnt at school for this).

Try to think of everyday opportunities when you can talk about maths to your child – for example, telling the time or adding up totals when you are out shopping.

Science:

Discuss with your child how different sounds are made. Can you find examples around the house?

When out and about, what sounds do you hear? How far away are they and do they change as you get closer?

Useful websites and resources:

Here are some useful online games which can be found by typing the names into Google.

Hit the Button (for times tables and number bonds)

Mental Maths Train (four operations)

History BBC Bitesize is full of facts, images and videos about Vikings.

Timestables.co.uk

Times Tables Rock Stars



HOME LEARNING PROJECT IDEAS



Vicious Vikings



Create a model of a Viking Longboat using any materials.

Write a diary
entry for a
day in the
life of a
Viking
warrior.

Create a
Viking themed
board game
for others to
play.

Research
famous
people from
Viking history
and create a
fact file.

Create a
Viking
cookbook.
Can you
make some
of the food?

Create a detailed map of Viking invasions throughout Europe.

Build a
Viking village
or home.

Using your sketching skills draw a detailed picture of a Viking item.

Please complete at least one activity and bring it into school on Monday 14th October.