

# Who Were The Vikings? Autumn 1 2017

In English our core texts will be: "How to Train a Dragon" by Cressida Cowell and "The Saga of Eric the Viking" by Terry Jones. We will also be studying fables, including stories from Norse legends such as Thor and Odin. We will be exploring descriptive language and thinking about how we can make our own writing more interesting.

Each week we will spend some time looking at a range of poetry too, learning about different poetry structure and styles.

We will begin our spelling, punctuation and grammar work with a recap of phonics phase 6, looking at spelling patterns. In handwriting we will focus on letter formation and joining.

In Maths we will be studying place value, working with numbers of up to 4 digits (and beyond for those students who need more of a challenge!)

We will be finding 1000 more and less of a given number, counting in multiples of 6,7,9, 25 and 1000, and counting backwards, including negative numbers. Year 3s Will begin to learn their times tables. We will be rounding decimals and learning about Roman numerals.

In art we will be creating Viking collages and studying the works of Edvard Munch. We will experiment with different techniques such as marbling. We will also be working on our sketching skills.

Our PSHE topic "Getting on and Falling Out" will encourage us to think about our actions and behaviour at school, and the effect that this can have on others.

Our topic will have a focus on history as we learn who the Vikings were, where they came from and why they invaded Britain.

We will find out how they travelled to our shores and what they did when they arrived. What sort of people were they?

We will create a timeline and recap the concepts of BC/AD.

In Design Technology we will be making our own Viking longboats and designing crests, with plenty of opportunities to practise cutting and joining skills, and evaluate our work.

We will also find out about Viking food and bake our own bread.

In RE we will be finding out about the impact that the Viking invasions had on Christianity in Britain. We will be asking the question "Who was Jesus and why do people follow him?"

We will also learn about the burial rituals of Vikings, and compare them to other religions and cultures.

In PE we will be working on our strength and teamwork through winter games such as hockey and rugby. Gymnastics will help us to improve our balance and flexibility.

In Music we will be learning how to build rhythms.

In ICT our focus will be internet safety and recognising the use of ICT beyond school.



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