

Curriculum Newsletter

Class 4 - Autumn Term 2

'VICIOUS VIKINGS'

Welcome back everyone...6 weeks until Christmas!

Cross curricular topic work: Our new topic is 'Vicious Vikings', which gives us the opportunity to look in detail at the historical aspects, as well as explore 'Viking Sagas' through our Literacy lessons.

In Geography, we will be looking at where the Vikings originated and which countries they invaded.

Later in the term, we will be cooking a Viking stew, designing brooches and taking part in our very own Viking raid.

Finally, we will visit Jorvik on 5th December, which will give the pupils a chance to deepen their understanding of the topic, and take part in some exciting Viking-based activities.

Numeracy:

In Numeracy, we will be looking at fractions and their relationship to decimals. We then move on to column addition and decomposition.

We will also be working on problem solving throughout the term, as I think it's a really important part of being a good young mathematician!

The children will continue to learn a different times table each month. This month, we will be learning our 9 times table.

Literacy:

All of our Literacy work this half term will have a strong focus on the 'Vicious Vikings'

We start the half term with a week on poetry, looking at similes, metaphors and other figurative language. We will concentrate on story writing for the remaining weeks.

PE -

Thursday afternoons will be my PPA time and the children will take part in a range of P.E. activities - taught by Mrs Sandford.

PE days are Thursdays (please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kits as well as suitable footwear). Children with their ears pierced must remove their earrings for each P.E session themselves or remove them before they come to school.

***As often as possible, we will try to go outside for our P.E. lessons. So, please ensure your child has their outdoor P.E. kit as well as their indoor P.E. kit. Thank you.**

Ways to help your child:

- By talking about the **topics** and finding out any information from books, computers, Internet, libraries etc. Please encourage your child to bring any useful information into school.
- By discussing **MyMaths** home learning with your child and helping/encouraging them to complete any home learning tasks. **Home learning is given out on Fridays and is due the following Thursday.**
- By helping them to learn any **times tables** or number work.
- By chatting with them about work covered in the **Literacy** lesson and helping/encouraging them to complete any Home Learning tasks.
- By helping them to learn any **spellings** they bring home. **Spellings are given out on Fridays and tested the following Friday.**
- By encouraging them to **read at least 3 times a week** for approx. 10 to 20 minutes a day (more if they are enjoying the story or information in the book).
- Ensuring that they come to school to work hard, excel and succeed!

If you have any concerns, questions or would just like to know how your child is doing, please email me at:

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