

## ENGLISH

This half term's English lessons will be devoted to writing stories with historical settings. Together we will read stories set in Viking times, discussing and exploring the features of historical stories. The children will develop their use of paragraphs, embedded clauses and fronted adverbials. They will use these skills, along with their increasing understanding of life in Viking times, to write their own short adventure stories.

## HISTORY

The children will be finding out about Viking Britain from a range of sources, including hands-on work with replica artefacts. They will learn why and how the Vikings invaded Britain and will investigate how they impacted on Anglo-Saxon life. The children will continue to develop their understanding of chronology, becoming confident in plotting events on a timeline, and will be able to securely use terms such as 'BC' and 'AD'. They will show their understanding through discussion and class presentations as well as written work.

## SCIENCE

In 'animals including humans' children will learn about the human digestive system. This will include understanding how food is digested and the function of the liver and other involved organs as well as human teeth and how to care for them. To support this learning we will be visiting the Science Museum where each class will watch an interactive show called 'It Takes Guts'. This exciting presentation demonstrates how food becomes fuel for the human body.

## MATHEMATICS

This half-term the children will reinforce and extend their understanding of multiplication and division. They will learn how to multiply three numbers together such as  $4 \times 5 \times 10$  as well as how to multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers using the compact (short) method. Additionally, the children will interpret a set of data given on picture graphs and bar charts. They will also be creating line graphs and identifying trends in these.

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The children will consider the question 'Why is the Bible special?' Pupils will develop their understanding of the way in which the Bible is a special/holy book for Christians. They will begin to learn about some features of the Bible and how Christians use the Bible in church, at home and elsewhere. Furthermore, the children are encouraged to identify what influences or inspires them in their own lives.

### COMPUTING

During this half term, the children will work together to design a simple toy that incorporates sensors and outputs and then create an on-screen prototype use the coding programme 'Scratch'. Finally, they pitch their toy idea to a *Dragons' Den*-style panel.

### ART AND DESIGN

This half term, the children's art work is linked to the Vikings. They will be exploring texture, line and pattern inspired by Viking artefacts. They will use paint and sketching to explore and develop ideas, creating original artwork.

### PE

Swimming lessons will begin for 4H and 4B. Alongside this, the children will be developing their basketball skills this half term. They will learn how to travel with a basketball and pass it accurately to another player. For indoor PE, the children will be learning how to play goalball, - the object of the game is to throw a ball past the opposition and into their net to score points. Players stay on their hands and knees to defend and score against their opponents.