

## ENGLISH

The focus of this half term's English lessons will be writing stories with historical settings. Together the children 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 ensuring that they write rich descriptions and create strong images in their readers' minds.

## SCIENCE

Year 4 will be looking at electricity, developing an understanding of a simple circuit, conductors and insulators. Children will also look into how switches are made. Knowledge about key scientists such as Alessandro Volta and Hertha Ayrton will inform the lessons.

## PE

During indoor PE, the children will be learning the rules and basic grips for handball. When working outdoors, the children will be playing netball. In both sports they will focus on developing key skills such as catching and throwing and marking players.

## PSHE

In the 'Dreams and Goal' puzzle, children will develop their entrepreneurial skills to aid their understanding of how to use and work with money, thinking about how to collect money to support others less who are less fortunate and will reflect on future work skills.

## MUSIC

Our pupils will consolidate how to read notes on the staff, applying this knowledge to learn a new piece of music using notation. In addition, they will learn to play different ukulele strumming patterns whilst playing the chords learned in Autumn 2.

## FRENCH

The children will learn French numbers 1-31, the days of the week, months of the year, dates and seasons through maths, songs and class surveys.

## MATHEMATICS

This half term the children will reinforce and extend their knowledge of fractions. learning how to order different fractions on a number line and use their multiplication and division skills to simplify and work out equivalent fractions. Additionally, the children will add and subtract fractions using visual illustrations. They will also 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.

## COMPUTING

In computing, pupils will be introduced to the basics of digital audio recording and will understand how to use microphones as input devices and speakers as output devices. Using this knowledge, they will use software to record their own voices to record a poem or a rap about the Vikings.

## RE

The children will consider 'Why is the Bible special?' Pupils will develop their understanding of the way in which the Bible is a holy book for Christians and begin to learn about some features of the Bible and how Christians use their sacred text.

## 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. We will continue to develop the children's understanding of chronology, so that they are confident in plotting events on a timeline, and will be able to securely use terms such as 'BC' and 'AD'.

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