

## ENGLISH

The focus of this half term's English lessons will be 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 ensuring that they write rich descriptions that create strong images in the readers' minds.

## SCIENCE

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

## PE

Children will be developing their hand eye coordination and learning the basic rules of hockey. In dance they will work on performing skills more consistently and working on group performances. Swimming lessons begin for 4Z.

## PSHE

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

## MUSIC

During this half term attention will be given to finger mobility, necessary for playing chords for the accompaniment of songs on a ukulele. The pupils will also be encouraged to compose their own tune, based upon four chords that they will learn during this period.

## FRENCH

The children will learn 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, children will continue to learn their times tables and division facts to 12x12 as well as dividing numbers with remainders. Pupils will be taught the strategy of multiplying numbers by 10. They will also learn how to multiply three numbers together (such as 4 x 5 x 10) as well as how to multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers using the compact (short) method. Finally, Year 4 will use the skills they have learnt to answer word problems involving multiplication and division.

## 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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## YEAR 4

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