

English:

We ask the children to read at home each week day and make one entry over the weekend. Parents are invited to write in the reading record, although *we would like at least two entries to be by the children* each week.

This term we will be exposing the children to newspaper articles (www.firstnews.co.uk) and how they are put together. This is a form of recount writing; the retelling of events that have actually happened. The children will take part in a range of drama activities that will help them to recount the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Finally, they will work independently to recount one of Erik the Viking's adventures (from our class book). The children will continue to have weekly spelling lists to learn. However, we would like to remind the children to continue to access tailored spelling games on the computer from home using their unique username and password.

French

This term we shall be revising colours and learning the names of the parts of the body in more detail. We will learn how to ask how to say something in French and recite a French nursery rhyme, finding similarities and differences between English nursery rhymes.

PSHE

The focus for PSHE this term is 'Going for Goals.' The children will learn how to set themselves achievable goals, discovering how to break these down into achievable tasks, taking responsibility for their own learning.

Music

This term our topic is 'Play it Again'. We will be identifying rhythmical patterns in songs and playing them on percussion. We will be singing songs relating to the Vikings.

Art

The children will be designing their own Viking spiral patterns and then using them to create their own piece of felt.

P.E.

Invasion Games - please make sure your child has a suitable outdoor PE kit as Invasion games will take place outside each week.
Gym - The children will work with a partner using floor and mats to create and perform a gymnastic sequence of at least eight elements, e.g. a combination of asymmetrical shapes and balances, with symmetrical rolling and jumping actions.

Maths:

In maths we are going to be covering a range of different topics including:

Partitioning
Multiplication and division skills.
Using measurement
Decimal Notation
Rounding
Addition and subtraction, including written methods
Symmetry
Area and perimeter

In addition the children will be practising their mental maths skills on a daily basis, so as to build up their speed in answering questions.

Please continue to help your child to achieve their new maths target, and test them on their times tables; your support is much appreciated.

Science

During this unit the children will discuss gravity, water resistance and air resistance. The learning will be linked to the topic with an experiment to help save Erik the Viking! Our skills work this term we focus on drawing conclusions from what our experiments show us in oral and written form.

R.E.

Christianity - we will be looking at the journey Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus had to take from Bethlehem to Egypt and why they were in such a hurry.
Islam - We will begin our study of Islam focusing on Hajj and discover what the journey to Makkah means to Muslims.

Class 3

Are we nearly there yet?



The Vikings

Geography/History/Eco/Global

Our main focus will be history, we will explore how, why and when the Vikings invaded Britain, and also why they settled away from home. We plan to have a Viking WOW day to look in particular at everyday Viking life, but also to enrich the children's experience of the topic as a whole. We will use geographical skills to discover where the Vikings came from, where else they invaded and the routes they took to get there. We will explore the reasons why people leave their homes in today's society.