

## 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 set in this period.

## HISTORY

The children will be finding out about Viking Britain from a range of sources. 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 the 'Animals including Humans' topic 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. The children will also explore different types of teeth including milk and permanent teeth. They will find out about food groups, healthy balanced diets and compare the diets of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.



## MATHEMATICS

This half term the children will reinforce and extend their knowledge of fractions. They will learn 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

This term in computing, the children will learn more advanced text formatting skills to create a range of beautiful documents and webpages. They will bring these skills together to produce their own webpage with a purpose.

## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

This half term, the children's work is linked to the Vikings. They will be designing, constructing and evaluating their own Viking longship models – gaining experience of different ways of joining materials.

## PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN

A stimulus, such as a story, video clip or image, is shared with the class; the children are encouraged to come up with philosophical questions about the stimulus. The philosophical questions are open to examination, further questioning and enquiry. P4C enhances children's thinking and communication skills in addition to boosting their self-esteem.

## PE

To continue to keep children active and healthy, exercise videos, website links and activity cards will be posted on Google Classroom. Activities to be covered are games, fitness and problem solving. Exercises to be posted will include videos on PE with Joe Wicks, BBC Super Movers, GoNoodle and Zumba Kids.

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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 will be encouraged to identify what influences or inspires them in their own lives.