

History

Who were the Vikings and how did their invasion change England?

We will be looking at why the Vikings came to England and how they were viewed by the Anglo Saxons.

Were they more than just vicious raiders?
Who was Alfred the Great?

This half term our main topics of study are:



The Vikings



English

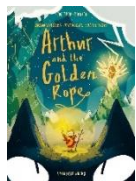
We will be focusing on two books this half term:

Arthur and the Golden Rope – A Norse Myth

Dragonology

We will be using fronted adverbials, well-chosen adjectives, similes and prepositions to describe a setting.

We will be writing an information text about a dragon.



PSHE

Keeping safe online including:

Understanding age restrictions

Sharing information

Privacy and secrecy

How to help someone who is having an asthma attack (first aid)

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Religion and Worldviews (R&W)

Islam: How does worship show what is important to Muslims?

We will be finding out about how and when Muslims worship, Allah, the Qu'ran and the five pillars of Islam. We will also visit a local mosque.



Science

Teeth and Digestion



Find out what teeth we have and what the function of different teeth are.
Identify causes of tooth decay and learn how to prevent it by looking after our teeth.
Describe how the body digests food.

Maths

Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.

Multiplying and dividing 2 and 3-digit numbers by 1 digit.

Measuring including equivalent lengths.

Calculating the perimeter of a range of shapes.



PE

Dance skills

Keeping fit and healthy

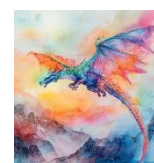
Swimming

Computing

Use photo editing software to manipulate and edit photos.

Art

Using colour mixing techniques, tints and shades to create a detailed dragon painting.



Music

Viking inspired singing including singing and playing instruments in time with each other.

French

Using French vocabulary to describe our bodies.





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Year 4

We wanted to update you on a few things you may need to know this term.

Reading – Reading for pleasure is the key to reading success, so reading any story to your child will be of huge benefit to them. Any books they enjoy will help to engage them and ignite their love of books and reading – so snuggle up and get reading together. We will be focusing on developing a range of reading skills in year 4 including: reading fluently and with expression; answering questions about the text including using inference, prediction, summarising and choosing a range of appropriate books that interest them.

PE – Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday.

Children should come to school on PE days dressed ready for PE. We will always try to go out even in cold and damp weather so children will need appropriate clothing every week.

Homework – Set on dB Primary and Learning by Questions for Maths on a Monday due the following Monday (unless specified differently on the task). Passwords are in their reading records.

Times Tables – Please support your children to learn their times tables ready for the multiplication check in June. Times Tables Rocks Stars (TTRS) is a fun and engaging way to do this – all children have log-ons to this which should be stuck into their reading records.

General reminders – Please ensure your child has a spare set of trainers and a coat in school each day. Children will be asked to change into different trainers when going on the field to avoid walking mud back into the school building.



Dates for your diary

Swimming

4B will begin swimming on 7th January and will go every Wednesday until 11th March

Inset Day – Wednesday 28th January

Varjak Paw Author visit (in school time) -
Thursday 5th February