

## Literacy

We begin by reading a range of traditional tales, culminating in the children re-writing a tale from a key character's perspective. The children will create and use a flow chart to write an explanation of a process. They will learn how to make simple notes from a non-fiction text and how to use a spider diagram to organise their own report. They will read and write a range of poetry. There continues to be a strong emphasis on developing spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. The children will practise their joined handwriting and will work towards achieving their 'pen licence'. During the week all children will have a guided reading session with a teacher.

## RE and PSHE

In RE this term the children will be looking at how people of faith find answers to puzzling questions. In the second half term they will be studying personal landmarks in life, focussing on marriage in different religions - preparing for the Year 3 children's wedding in the summer term. In PSHE our topics are: 'Goals' and 'Good to be me'



## Maths

Our Maths topics this term include estimating numbers, adding and subtracting amounts of money, mass, time, properties of 2d shapes, revision of 4x and 8 x multiplication and division facts, fractions, measuring and adding and subtracting lengths, column addition and subtraction, pictograms and data handling, counting in steps of 50 and 100 and perimeter. We will also base problem solving around these topics.

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## ICT

The children will learn how to write a good email and how to use ICT to give/follow simple instructions. We will learn about databases and branching databases. The children will investigate and use motion animation software.

## PE

Outdoor PE is on a Monday and indoor PE is on a Thursday. Please ensure children have appropriate kit in school. In gymnastics the children will develop and improve short sequences and transfer skills from mats to large apparatus. We will work with a partner/ in small groups to create and perform dances. Swimming will begin after the half term holiday and parents will receive a letter with all of the necessary information. Outdoor PE will be Netball. In both of these games we will be learning ball handling skills, movement with the ball, attacking and defending skills. We will also be playing some small sided games to allow us to understand how these skills can be applied to a game situation. Within PE we will be ensuring that we are showing Passion, Self-belief, Respect, Honesty, Teamwork and Determination.

## History and Geography

We begin our topic by finding out who the Vikings were and where they came from. The children will learn what is meant by the terms 'invaders' and 'settlers'. We will investigate a range of Viking artefacts in order to develop an understanding of the Viking way of life. The children will learn key dates, find out about Viking raids and write letters in role (e.g. as a monk). We will develop mapping skills in order to plot main trading routes.

## Art and DT

The children will sketch and create tiles based on Viking runes. We will use a range of media to design illuminated letters. We will develop simple weaving techniques using cardboard and wool. The children will design and make either a Viking longship or a Viking house. We will investigate how to strengthen and reinforce structures.

## Music

The children will continue to learn the violin or recorder. We will learn how to play a greater range of notes on our designated instrument and how to read and follow simple musical notation. We will continue to develop our singing skills. Music lessons are on a Friday and are taught by Mrs Smith, an outside specialist.

## French

The children will be learning some traditional French songs and games. They will also look at celebrations - learning Months of the year and numbers 1-31.

## Science

The children will be learning about Forces and magnets. They will identify push and pull forces and how things move on different surfaces. We will also be looking at magnetic forces, magnetic objects, compasses and the use of magnets. Our second science topic this term will be rocks. Children will be learning how to compare and describe the properties of rocks. They will also learn about fossils formed in sedimentary rocks and will be exploring different types of soil.