



Our learning question this term is 'Why did the Vikings invade Britain?'

Year 4 - Summer Term 1

Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed the holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the topics your children will be studying during this exciting term.

Spellings/Homework

Spellings will be handed out every Monday. A spelling test will be carried out the following Monday. Homework will also be set on a Monday.

Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night as regular reading at home makes a real difference to a child's progress. If you could ask your child a few questions after they have finished reading this helps with their understanding of the book. Children are encouraged to read a variety of texts at home, and a visit to the local library is a great way of accessing lots of different books.

PE.

Lessons will take place on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Please make sure your child follows the school PE kit policy, including no earrings to be worn on PE days.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Diary writing
- Norse myths
- Narrative writing
- Non-chronological reports
- Persuasive writing

Our written work will be based around The Vikings and 'How to Train Your Dragon'.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Solving real life problems using fractions and decimals
- Converting and estimating measures of length and mass
- Identifying lines of symmetry in shapes of different orientations
- Converting fractions into decimals
- Interpreting data from charts and graphs

By the end of year 4, all children are expected to know the times tables up to 12 x 12. Your child will benefit greatly from practising their times tables at home.

Science

In Science we will be investigating States of Matter. We will be conducting experiments to observe how materials change shape and why this happens. We will also be learning about the water cycle and recreating this within the classroom.

RE / PSHCE

In RE we will be focusing on 'What it means to me to be a Christian at St James' School?' Our PSCHE lessons will focus on 'Hopes and Dreams'.

History

Our History lesson will be based on 'The Vikings'. We will look at how the Vikings lived, why they invaded Britain, explore how they lived and research their gods and goddesses.

Art / DT

Art and DT will relate to 'The Vikings'. We will be designing and creating our own Viking armour and long boats which we will showcase.

ICT / MFL

In ICT we will be developing our word processing skills, how to input, organise and present data using a variety of programs.

Children will continue learning French taught by our visiting French teacher.

Music/PE

In music we will be listening to, and appraising, gospel-based songs and then performing 'Lean on Me'. In PE, the child's learning and development of skills will continue to be supported by the Pelican Park sports coaches.

Lastly...

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself, Mrs Eden or Mr Allen at the beginning or end of the day.