

ENGLISH

The invasions of the Vikings will provide the backdrop to some of our literacy work during this term. Drawing on the texts "Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki" by Kevin Crossley-Holland and 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo to provide us with inspiration for our writing and a flavour of how life was lived by Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons who lived in fear of their presence. We will be designing our own monsters and writing descriptions; considering how to trap a dragon; and finally writing a letter of plea to the villagers asking for help against the monster. We will also be using a variety of shorter texts through our blended learning.

SCIENCE & COMPUTING

During the first half of the spring term we will be focusing on the Science of Forces. Looking at gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will be developing an understanding of balanced and unbalanced forces and considering their effects.

Later in the term we will investigate the properties of different materials and their uses.

In Computing we will be investigating early methods of communicating over distances, learn about two early ciphers, and encrypt and decrypt messages in various ciphers

RE

Our first topic focuses on the Hindu concept of 'moksha'. Which investigates what the sacred texts and other sources say about God, the world and human life. Our second topic is about the Islamic faith and looks at what the Qur'an reveals to Muslims about Allah and his guidance.

The Vikings Are Coming!



E4S

Pupils will explore a range of emotions, when they might experience them, and strategies for coping. Pupils will also learn about communities, the people who make a difference and the value of living in a diverse community.

THE ARTS

Dragons will form the basis of our art studies. We will be printing, collaging and creating our own dragon-eye sculptures from clay. Prepare to be dazzled!

MATHS

We will commence the term with multiplication and division, using more formal written methods to help us with our learning. We will then move deeper into the world of fractions – finding fractions of an amount, before learning how to multiply them.

Decimals and percentages and Perimeter and Area will follow from these. Then in the last unit of the term we will look at statistics, focussing on the introduction of line graphs.

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

We will discover life in England after the Roman Empire, exploring why the Anglo-Saxons settled and how they ruled and controlled the seven kingdoms. We will then investigate the Vikings, their raids, and their impact on England's political and social hierarchy.

PE

The circus will be the theme for our dance lessons this term. We will also be learning the skills and rules required to play Dodgeball. Later in the term, we play Basketball, where we will be practising passing the ball with more precision and thinking about space and tactics. We will also play tennis, developing our forehand and backhand shots as well as volleys.

FRENCH

We will continue to expand our vocabulary while focusing on developing sentence structure and grammatical understanding. We will also be learning how to read, say and write phrases related to the topic of 'the Weather'.