

# CLASS 4 NEWSLETTER (TERM 4)

## Vikings

We have thoroughly enjoyed looking through everyone's holiday homework tasks – thank you to all of those who completed their 'Day in the Life of ...' task. There is lots to look forward to again this term, with our 'Big Bang' trip on 1<sup>st</sup> March and the children's Viking performance later in the month.

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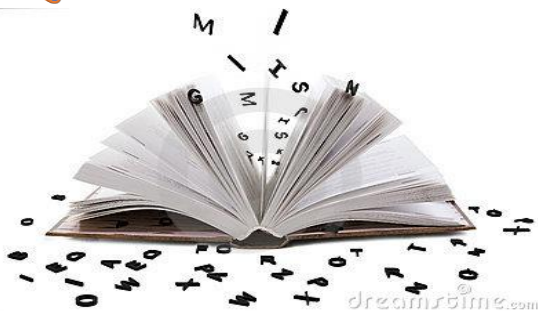
### Topic:



Our topic for Term 4 will be the Vikings. Areas of study will include the Viking raids and settlements and how this affected the geography of England. Viking towns, food, clothing and day-to-day life will also be covered. We will be following the history of Britain from the Viking invasions and treaties with the Anglo-Saxons through to the Norman Conquest.

Many of our literacy lessons will also have a Viking theme. Please feel free to bring in any resources that you feel would support the topic e.g. books, photos or artefacts.

### Literacy:



In literacy we will be covering a range of writing genres including:

- Fantasy Stories - *How to Train your Dragon*.
- Report writing – magazine articles.
- Non-Chronological writing based on our Vikings topic.

### Reading:

We are really impressed with the reading progress so far in Class 4 – please support your child with their reading at home by encouraging them to read at least 5 times a week and letting them fill in their own reading records. Could we please also ask that an adult monitors home reading and signs/comments in reading records weekly?

Remember – individual reading books can be changed as and when necessary and we are more than happy for children to read books from home rather than school. Could we please request, however, that children try to read one book at a time as this makes it easier for us to assess their progress. Our library day is Wednesday.

<p><b><u>Spellings:</u></b> Sentence of the week will continue as usual, with children being encouraged to focus on key words and spelling patterns as appropriate.</p>	<p>We will continue to follow the Year 4 units of work as set out in the <i>Read, Write Inc.</i> programme of study.</p>
<p><b><u>Maths:</u></b> Speed times-tables tests will continue to take place on a weekly basis. Please continue to help your child learn their multiplication facts at home – don't forget to go back and revise the tables that they have already learnt.</p>	<p>In maths we will be covering ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place value, decimals and negative numbers</li> <li>• Fractions</li> <li>• Addition and subtraction</li> <li>• Measurement and data handling</li> <li>• Mathematical fluency and reasoning</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Science:</u></b></p>	<p>The focus of our science lessons this term will be on animals and their habitats.</p>
<p><b><u>P.E.:</u></b> For hygiene reasons we do not allow children to borrow P.E. kit so it is really important that children have a full kit in school at all times (this includes appropriate footwear and, at this time of year, long sleeved tops and trousers).</p>	<p>This term our PE sessions will be ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor games (Mondays) – netball.</li> <li>• PPA (Fridays) – gym/dance.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>ICT:</u></b> We Are Composers</p>	<p>We will be using technology to compose and create music!</p>
<p><b><u>RE:</u></b> Peace and reconciliation The Church at Easter</p>	<p>This unit of work will focus on personal peace; dealing with conflict; and how religion creates a sense of peace. The Easter story.</p>
<p><b><u>Art:</u></b></p>	<p>This term we will be making Viking long-boats out of cardboard, focusing on their construction and design, and then making Viking shields.</p>
<p><b><u>Music:</u></b></p>	<p>We will be working hard on our drama and singing ready to perform our Viking assembly on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2:30pm. We look forward to seeing you then!</p>