



Year Four Curriculum News

Spring Term



Vicious Vikings! This term our topic is The Vikings and everyone is excited as we begin to delve into the world of these extraordinary people of the past.

Literacy

We will be:

- Reading: Stig of the Dump
- Recounts: children will write diaries based on a character's viewpoint both before and after an event
- Write both formal and informal letters from different characters.
- Narrative: describing the setting followed by studying the different parts of a story
- Features of a play (the layout and the language that is used).

At home you could:

- Encourage children to read a play and understand the difference between this and other types of text like newspapers and stories.

Numeracy

We will be:

- Multiplying & Dividing
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Area

At home you could:

- Allow children to work out change at the shops
- Find opportunities to measure things in ml, l, cm, mm, m, g, kg
- Practise times tables to x12.

Our Maths scheme of work

We are using White Rose Maths across the school in order to deepen children's understanding of different concepts and develop their mathematical reasoning skills. You may have seen some of the White Rose videos and resources on DB Primary throughout our home learning.

Please visit the White Rose website

(<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/primary-resources/primary-sols/>) or read our calculation policy on the school website to find out more about how we are teaching different methods in different year groups!

Science

We will be learning about:

- Electricity – building simple circuits, and understanding how electricity works
- Sound – learn how sound travels

At home you could:

Discuss how various sounds are made, playing musical instruments if you have any. Discuss the importance of the ear as part of the body.

ICT

We will be learning about:

- DB primary– children will research and create their own blog post about the Vikings
- Times Table Rockstars – children compete against themselves and peers to become a Times Table Rock Legend!!

At home various types of information text and websites could be looked at , particularly during a Library visit.

Design Technology

We will be:

- Researching, planning and creating our own Light Boxes

At home you could:

- Look at how light boxes are used and investigate how products are planned and created

Geography

We will be learning about:

- Scandinavia, including climate and landscape
- Comparing Scandinavia to England

At home you could: Look at maps and how they use images and symbols to mark rivers, mountains etc. Research a country in Scandinavia and create a fact file.

Art

We will be:

- Designing and sculpting Viking long boats.

At home you could:

- Sketch from pictures of Viking Longships.
- Draw runic letters.

Music

We will:

- Begin to learn about different musical notes

At home you could:

- Discuss the rhythm, pace, instruments, etc. used in your favourite songs

French

We will learn how to:

- Begin to use simple sentences to talk about animals and describe them

At home you could:

- Visit the BBC French website

History

We will be learning about:

- Vikings invaded Britain and that the period of conquest was followed by a period of settlement.

At home you could: Read stories on the topic such as How to Train Your Dragon. You could also take out a non-fiction book from the library.

RE

We will be learning about:

- Who is Jesus?
- First Holy Communion

At home you could:

- Discuss Bible stories the children know and consider their meaning.

PE

We will be learning how to:

- Develop cognitive skills to support with sports and games.
- Work creatively to develop ball skills.

At home you could:

- Visit the park and play team games.

