



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter –Spring Term 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas. Please find below a summary of Year 3's main learning areas for this term along with some general reminders.

English

This half term, Year 3 will be focusing their learning around the story 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. So far, the children have enjoyed writing setting descriptions based on Icelandic landscapes. The children have also developed their persuasive writing skills when responding to a newspaper article to be selected to visit the Brownstone family vault.

Maths

In maths we have been continuing to develop our multiplication and division strategies. The children are able to use a column method to work out short multiplication and are working towards learning how to use the bus stop method for short division.

Homework

Spellings will be handed out on a Wednesday to be returned the following Monday. We expect the children to learn their spellings as they will have spelling quizzes in the week. They will also be expected to use the spellings in their writing.

For **Maths** homework, the children will be using maths whizz and are expected to complete 45 minutes each week. In addition to this the children are expected to complete 15 minutes of TT Rock stars each week. The children are expected to read each week and complete '**5 Reads and a Book Talk**'. We would very much appreciate you listening to your child read and discussing their book with them. The children (or parent) should write a comment in their book and we request that you sign your child's reading record book too. This will really help them to progress in reading and writing. We will be checking your child's reading diary regularly throughout the week.

P.E.

Year 3 will have PE sessions every **Wednesday** afternoon with Mr Franco and Mrs Dickinson (both indoors and outdoors). However, other sessions may arise throughout the week so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times, and are prepared for the unpredictable winter weather. PE kit is a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt, black shorts, black joggers and an outdoor jumper (when the weather requires it), outdoor trainers (these must be different shoes to the ones your child wears to school) and a water bottle.

Science

In science we are learning all about rocks. So far, the children have learned how rocks are formed and are able to sort rocks into categories of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher. There will be fortnightly curriculum newsletters in which we shall keep you updated and informed about our learning, particularly with regards to English and Maths. We shall also provide any extra details you will need, such as changes to timetables,

notifications, etc. There will be regular updates over the term on our class pages on the school website, plus information on our Facebook pages.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mrs Dickinson

Year 3 teacher

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Topic

Our topic this term is all based on the 'Anglo Saxons/Vikings'. The children have been lucky enough to have a Viking day on Monday 17th January 2022.



Computing

This term the children will be using the laptops to help with their History research and also to produce documents. The children will be expected to type a title, change font/size/colour/position of text, save/load and retrieve a document along with manipulating pictures and adding captions. They will also be expected to use Scratch to programme characters to follow commands and sequences.



History

The children will be looking at when and how these groups of people invaded Britain and how they have influenced the way we live. The children will be comparing life of an Anglo Saxon or Viking child to themselves. They will also research the Viking raid on Lindisfarne and consider this event from both sides.



Art

The children's art will be linked to their Anglo-Saxon and Viking topic. They will create self-portraits of themselves as Vikings, using various techniques to show different facial expressions. The children will also have the opportunity to create Anglo-Saxon illuminated letters.



RE/ PSHE

This term, the children will begin by learning about Christianity. The children will discuss the impact of the Anglo Saxon and Viking invaders and settlers and how these people made a difference to the religion in this country.



Music

The children will be learning and creating their very own Viking chants. They will be working in small teams and will be using accompaniments to their songs.



Design Technology

The children will be cooking and creating oatcakes, using a Saxon inspired recipe. Later on in the term the children will be sewing their own pouches.



Geography

The children's geography this term will be linked to their Anglo-Saxon and Viking topic. The children will map the routes that the invading Vikings took; they will also consider what makes a site attractive to settlers and use their map skills to identify locations that were previously Viking settlements.



Outside learning

As always, the children will take their learning outside every day. We will also be having forest school every week where the children can climb trees, using special equipment and get very muddy!