

Understanding English, Communication and Languages

This term the children will begin with writing their New Year's resolutions and goals they would like to reach in 2017. We will relate our literacy to our science and write informative leaflets about healthy living. We will be broadening our poetry knowledge, reading and performing this as well as reading and writing our own poetry.

Our fiction focus will be reading and writing Viking mythology, focusing on key characters and Viking gods. Your child will have a reading log this term: they must log their reading, and they should be reading at least 4 times a week independently for 20 minutes.

Historical, Geographical & Social Understanding

This term our main topic is 'Vikings'. We will be learning about who the Vikings were and how their lives are different to ours. The children will be learning about key invasions, longboats, warriors and Viking traditions as well as what the Vikings did for us here in Britain.



We will also be learning about Chinese New Year at the end of January.

Understanding the Arts

During Art sessions the children will be completing art work based on the Vikings, writing in runes and creating jewellery using clay. They will create 3D long boats using a range of materials. Please help with our modelling by saving left over boxes/cartons.



Vikings Year 4

Spring Term 1 2017



Mrs Dallas and Miss Kyle

Understanding Physical Development, Health & Well Being

Children will be having their weekly PE sessions on Wednesdays when we will go to Kidlington for our swimming sessions. We will continue with our fitness and will be building on our stamina by increasing our distances in running and time taken.

Daily exercise will also be in place to keep our body and minds alert.

Mathematical Understanding

We will continue to develop our facts and calculation skills using written methods for all 4 operations including decimal numbers. We will be relating decimals and fractions, recognizing equivalent fractions, adding fractions with the same denominator, simplifying fractions and finding the fraction of a number. We will be solving problems involving money and relate this to decimals. We will then move to measurement, measuring in distance, weight and capacity. We will also spend some time focusing on our mental maths skills, particularly our times tables. Please support your child with times tables recall.

Scientific & Technological Understanding

The children will be learning about the human body this term, with a focus on the skeleton, muscles and the role that our blood plays in transporting nutrients and oxygen around the body. The children will also compare the skeleton of a human to those of different animals. We will be thinking about how to keep our bodies healthy and about different food groups, portion sizes and the importance of having a balanced diet and how our diet affects our body and vital organs.