Year 4

Term: Autumn 2

Spoken Language:
Re-telling the legend of Beowulf.
Role playing as characters from the story.
Asking questions to deepen understanding.
Re-telling Viking Legends

Writing:
Write character descriptions to describe a dragon and re-write a section of the story "Beowulf"

Engage:
To engage in the topic we will visit Butser Farm. We will be able to learn Viking facts, tales and be shown artefacts. During our visit to Butser Farm, we will learn how the Vikings lived and be shown how to build fires, make quills and also the houses that they lived in.

Maths:
- Multiplication and division with a focus on the 4 times tables.
- Factor pairs
- Shape – angles, position and direction.
- Lines of symmetry.

Computing:
TinkerCAD (3D modelling)

Science:
Sound - Learning how sounds are made.
Finding out about the pitch of different sounds.
Finding patterns between volume of sound and vibrations.

Reading: We will be reading 'How To Train Your Dragon'.

Vicious Vikings



Were the Vikings raiders or settlers?

History:
How do we remember the Vikings: **Raiders** or **Settlers**? Looking at why the Vikings invaded Britain, as well as researching how they arrived and why they settled here.

RE:
Holy (Mary Mother of God)
We will be reflecting on what is special to use and make links to Christianity through their representations of Mary.

Art:
Creating detailed watercolour paintings of dragon eyes, based on the dragon figureheads of Viking Longboats.

PE:
Gymnastics and fitness through indoor circuits.

Prove It:
The children will become Vikings through a re-enactment! They will describe exactly what life as a Viking was like. They must include various aspects of a Viking's life, from what they eat and drink to how they fight in battle.

PSHE: Celebration Difference: Children will learn and reflect on what makes them unique and the importance of inclusion. November is anti-bullying month so children will discuss how to recognise and stop bulling.
Music: We will be exploring feelings as we play the Glockenspiel.
Spanish: We will be learning Spanish vocabulary for shapes.

Things to explore with your child!

PE – Our PE days are:
Poland & Spain – Wednesday & Thursday
Italy – Tuesday & Thursday

Times Tables and Spellings:

Times table rockstars and spellings home learning tasks will be sent out every Monday. TTRS should be 30 minutes every week. Ed-shed is 3 spelling games every week.

Reading:

We encourage you to listen to your child read as much as possible. Ideally they should read every evening, making sure they read a variety of different genres.

Writing:

Over this half term we will be creating character descriptions and writing a section of a recount.

If possible, read some non-fiction texts about the Viking era in Britain as this is our lead topic.

Science:

Discuss with your child how we rely on sound every day – can they give you examples of how it is used around the house?

Use the "What if" key to ask questions

What if emergency vehicles didn't have loud sirens?

What if all telephones made the same sound when they ring?

Useful websites and resources:

Here are some useful online games which can be found by typing the names into Google.

Hit the Button (for times tables and number bonds)

Mental Maths Train (four operations)

HOME LEARNING PROJECT IDEAS

Vicious Vikings



Create a Viking themed board game for others to play.

Build a Viking village or home.

Create a model of a Viking Longboat using any materials.

Create a Viking cookbook. Can you make some of the food?

Research famous people from Viking history and create a fact file.

Using your sketching skills draw a detailed picture of a Viking item.

Write a diary entry for a day in the life of a Viking warrior.

Create a detailed map of Viking invasions throughout Europe.

Please complete at least one activity and bring it into school on Friday 11th December.