

Possible ways of helping your child with their work this term:

- Ensure that they complete any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Allow your child to bring information into school to share with the rest of the class.

Useful Websites:

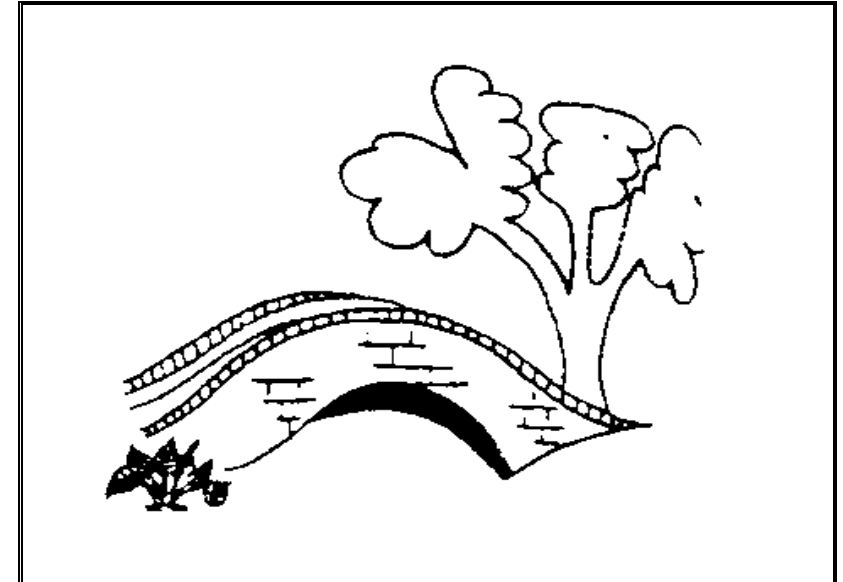
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>

[https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key\\_stage\\_two/ks2\\_history/british\\_history/the\\_vikings/the\\_vikings.html](https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_history/british_history/the_vikings/the_vikings.html)

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/viking/websites.html>

# Whixall Church of England

## Primary School



Curriculum Information  
for Parents

Spring Term 2023

Mayfly Class

## **English**

Our English work this term will be closely linked to our topic work about the Vikings. We will be reading and responding to a more complex text and using it as inspiration for a range of writing activities and ultimately write our own Viking quest story by the end of the term.

These lessons will also give us opportunity to learn about grammar and punctuation such as speech marks and apply them in our own writing.

In addition to the English lesson, the children will have daily spelling practice, handwriting lessons and guided reading.

## **Mathematics**

We will begin the term by revising and developing our understanding of the number system. We will consolidate our knowledge of the place value system to three and four-digit numbers. Year Four will be extending their knowledge to include decimal numbers. We will also be learning further mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction. In addition to these lessons, we will have a daily fluency session in which essential facts and skills will be revised and learned.

## **Science**

This half term we will be thinking about 'Forces' and will be exploring the force of magnetism in particular. The children will be able to handle magnets and explore their properties as well as carry out investigations. In the second half of the term, we will be studying 'Sound'. Again, the children will be working in a practical and investigative way and will plan and carry out their own tests to discover how sound travels and how sounds are changed.

## **Humanities**

Our topic this term is a history topic entitled 'The Vikings are coming!' This exciting topic introduces the children to the invaders from the north, their longships, their raiding and their plans to settle and live in Britain. We will also explore their relationship with the Anglo Saxons and how peace was eventually found.

## **P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)**

This term we will be exploring the units of work entitled 'Dreams and Goals' in which the children consider what achievements they would like to aim for and look at ways we can help ourselves do this. Following on from this we will look at 'Healthy Me' a unit of work looking at ways we can improve our own physical and mental health.

## **P.E.**

This term we will be having two P.E sessions per week. The children will do indoor P.E on Thursdays and will explore dance linked to our topic and outdoor P.E on Fridays learning a variety of invasion games, starting with hockey and netball.

## **Art and Design**

Our art lessons will take inspiration from our topic work about the Vikings and will be based around the idea of sculpture and the carved dragon heads of the Viking longship.

## **Design Technology**

In our DT lessons this term we will be looking at food technology and linking this with our Vikings topic. We will be looking at the process of bread making and designing our own Viking inspired bread.

## **Spanish**

We continue to receive fantastic support from Mrs Acs for our Spanish lessons throughout the term..

## **R.E.**

In the first half term, we will focus on the spiritual journey a believer will take in their lifetime. It will explore key aspects of life and death for Christians, Muslims and Hindus. In the second half we will investigate the word 'Salvation', and that Christians believe Jesus came to 'save' or 'rescue' people, e.g. by showing them how to live.

## **Computing**

We will be using the school i-pads and laptops to aid our topic and science lessons this term. We will also block in some time to start looking at simple programming using Scratch.

## **Music**

We are very fortunate to have continued input from the Shropshire Music Service this term which means Year 3 and 4 will continue learning to play the Pbuzz, which is the precursor to learning a brass instrument. In addition to this we will be learning to sing songs listening to a variety of music types and finding out about the elements of music.