

SAXON AND VIKING STRUGGLE



In our **PSHE** lessons, we will be learning about ourselves and our emotions, and how we can help other children with their emotions.

On Wednesday afternoons, Mrs Simpson will be teaching **German** to Year 3, whilst Year 2 have some special wellbeing time with Mrs Cropley. **PE** lessons will be on Wednesday afternoons as well with our sports coaches.

In **RE** the focus will be on pilgrimages. We will learn about Christian pilgrimages to Lourdes and other places, Muslim pilgrimages to Makkah, Jewish pilgrimages to Jerusalem and Hindu pilgrimages to the Ganges.

Science: As scientists, we will be learning about magnets and friction and sound. We will be conducting our own experiments to help us remember what we have learned.

More about our other curriculum areas:

History: Saxon and Viking Struggle

As historians, we will be learning about Viking raids and the Viking invasion, the resistance by Alfred the Great and Athelstan, the first king of England.

Geography: Human Geography

As geographers, we will be learning about human geography including types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

Art: Norse Art

As artists, we will be learning about Norse Art. We will be making our own designs using mythical creatures and linked knots in the style of Norse Art.

DT

Our DT will be linked to our topic about the Saxons, as we will be weaving fabric to make woven belts.

English:

We will be using our knowledge from other curriculum areas to help us in our writing, which will include persuasive writing, narrative writing and poetry writing – cinquains and Kennings.

Spellings:

We will follow the Read Write Inc Programme in our spelling lessons. These sessions focus on learning spelling rules and patterns. Spellings sent home will either be year group focus words or spelling rules that need further practice.

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will continue to lie at the heart of our English curriculum.

At school, children will be involved in guided reading developing literal retrieval, deduction and inferential skills.

Please continue to support and encourage your child to read at home, as this is so very important in building both their pleasure in reading as well as their stamina and fluency.

Children with Read Write Inc book bag books will be encouraged to change their book twice a week. Free readers should change their books as and when they finish reading them. For all children, it is really important for them to read with an adult as much as possible, ideally daily. If you could sign their reading diary when you hear your child read, that would be very helpful. *Please make sure your children have their reading books in school every day.*

Maths:

The focus for our Maths lessons will be number. As mathematicians, we will be learning all about: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions. In Geometry the focus will be position and direction and properties of shape.

There will also be a focus on Times Tables, so please encourage your child to learn these, as these underpin many of the concepts taught in school.

Homework:

This term homework will be given out on a Wednesday and will need to be handed in on a Monday. Weekly homework will consist of: **Reading, Spellings, Times Tables** (practice using TT Rockstars which all children have a log-in for) and **Maths**.

Spellings will be tested each week on a Monday. In addition, there will be an English homework activity for Year 3 once a week.