

# Traders and Raiders (Vikings)

## English

In English, we will be focusing on reading and writing historical recounts, linked to Vikings. We will look at the main structure of recounts and analyse the features and devices that are used in this text type. Our key text for this topic is 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman but we will look at a whole range of texts linked to this theme (fictional and non-fictional). When reading these texts, we will focus on developing our comprehension skills by answering a range of question types. We will also link these texts to our writing and topic lessons to ensure that our learning is interconnected.

We will continue to practise handwriting each morning and encourage the children to use their best handwriting in all areas of their learning. The children will further develop their spellings by revising and learning more spelling rules, whilst continuing their practise of common exception words. In our grammar and punctuation work, we will be looking at relative clauses, modal verbs, parenthesis, tense and expanded noun phrases. We will also continue to use cohesive devices to link our paragraphs.

## Science

In Science we will be learning about Properties of materials. We will be investigating changes of state (evaporating, melting, condensation and freezing) together with mixing and separating solids, separating mixtures and making / separating solutions. There will be plenty of investigations to plan and carry out!

## ART/DT

We will be looking at traditional style Viking jewellery patterns and shield decoration before creating our own 3D brooch or miniature shield. We will be designing a longboat, considering best use of materials and how to reinforce a structure. Then we will build them and test how well they sail.

## Spanish / Computing

Spanish- family members and facial features. Computing- fact files and databases, online reputation.

# This term we are learning...

## Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division before moving on to Fractions. Throughout all of our lessons we will be building on our fluency of skills whilst also developing our ability to reason and explain. There will be concrete, pictorial and abstract question types in all of our learning. At the end of each unit, we will complete an assessment to see which areas we need to focus on more.

In Multiplication and Division, we will be learning how to multiply and divide numbers containing a different amount of digits, use short division, divide with remainders and solve problems with multiplication and division.

In Fractions, we will be multiplying unit and non-unit fractions by integers as well as mixed numbers by integers. We will be calculating a fraction of a quantity/amount and will be using fractions as operators.

## History / Geography

In topic we will be learning about the Vikings. We will be looking at where the Vikings came from and why they left their homes and invaded Britain. We will be finding out about the first Viking attack on Britain (AD 793) and constructing a timeline of events during the Viking Era. We will be researching aspects of Viking life and we will look at the Anglo-Saxon kings during the Viking period, in particular King Alfred the Great, King Athelstan and King Ethelred II and discuss why Danegeld was introduced. Finally, we will be exploring Viking beliefs about death and the afterlife.

## PE

Netball with Miss Austin and gymnastics with Primary Stars.

## PSHE

Our topic this half term is 'Exploring Emotions' We will be looking at emotions such as fear, embarrassment, worry and anger in more detail and how to cope with these feelings as well as how and when to ask for help.