

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a fantastic summer and are feeling refreshed, recharged, and ready for the exciting year ahead. We're really looking forward to getting started and can't wait to see all the brilliant learning, creativity, and progress this year will bring.

Here's to a great start to the new school year!

Topic

This Term in History - The Vikings

This term, our Year 3 students will be diving into the fascinating world of the Vikings! Through a series of engaging lessons, we will explore the impact of Viking society and the legacy they left behind. Our focus will centre around two key questions:

Who were the Vikings, and why did they invade?

What was life like for the Vikings?

Children will investigate Viking raids, settlements, and aspects of daily life, using a range of historical sources, role play, creative activities, and discussion.

Science

This term, Year 3 will be looking at how to identify native trees in Autumn which relates to the National Curriculum topic of plants and soils. These lessons will take part outdoors within forest school where children develop their knowledge of the needs of plants to include healthy soil and nutrients whilst also recapping the structure of a plant and their jobs.

Maths

This term, Year 3 will be focusing on two key areas in maths:

Place Value within 1,000 - Children will learn to read, write, and understand numbers up to 1,000, recognising the value of each digit (hundreds, tens, and ones), and comparing and ordering numbers.

Addition and Subtraction - We'll be developing mental and written strategies for adding and subtracting 2-digit and 3-digit numbers, using number facts, estimating answers, and solving real-life word problems.

We will use a mix of practical activities and formal methods to build confidence and fluency in number work.

English

In English this term, Centaur class will be studying the text *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin and learning about the experiences of the Windrush generation. Through reading, discussion, drama, and writing they are developing skills in vocabulary, inference, sentence structure and letter writing. They will plan, draft, and write letters in role, practicing how to express feelings, use descriptive detail and organise ideas into paragraphs.

Vikings: Raiders, Traders, and Settlers



RE

Our unit this term is: 'What is the good news Christians believe Jesus brings.'

Computing

This term our computing unit will be 'Emails.'

E-safety is also covered every term.

PE

Centaur class will have two PE sessions a week: on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Please continue to send your children in to school wearing their PE kits. Our units will be Functional Fitness and Multisport.

P.S.H.E

This half term in PSHE, our focus is the 'Me and My World' unit from the Jigsaw scheme. This unit helps children develop a sense of identity, community, and responsibility, encouraging them to think about the role they play in their own world and the wider world around them.

Art

In our unit, we will be exploring how illustrators use line, colour and shape to bring stories to life. We will develop our skills in observational drawing, collaborative mark-making, colour mixing and sculpture, inspired by artist Maurice Sendak. This unit encourages creativity, imagination and experimentation.

Music

This term we will explore the unit 'Writing Music Down.'