

Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Matters



Term	Spring 2
Year Group	4
Teacher	Mrs H Bradbury

Topic

The Vikings

We will answer the following questions about the Vikings

- When did the Vikings invade England and where did they come from ?
- Where is Lindisfarne and what happened there when the Vikings invaded?
 - How did the Vikings live when they settled in England ?
- What can we assume about their lifestyle from evidence left behind ?
 - What were Viking beliefs ?
 - Why were Viking warriors so successful ?
 - What happened to the Vikings ?
- What is the Viking legacy in modern times ?

In art we will

- Draw Viking artifacts
- Make a Viking long boat

Literacy

Our writing will support our topic learning of the Vikings

We will read and plan to write a variety of non-fiction texts including:

- A compare and contrasting report, comparing the Vikings with the Ancient Greeks.
- A newspaper report, retelling a Viking raid upon an English town.

Children will plan their writing by:

- discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar
- discussing and recording ideas
- composing and rehearsing sentences orally, progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures

Mathematics

Our weekly Maths lessons will focus upon the children becoming fluent with number facts including multiplication table up to 12×12 , corresponding division facts and number bonds (pairs of numbers) that total 100 and 1000.

We will play number games to help with fluency in these areas. Lots of these can be found on line at www.nrich.co.uk

We will cover the following topics

- Digital and analogue time.
- Problem solving using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills.
- Decimals and fractions in real life problem solving.

We will also have some formal assessments of our learning so far this year.

ICT

We will use the internet to help with our Viking research.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/viking-invaders-and-settlers/13970.html>

Viking invaders and settlers video from BBC Learning Zone

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/vikings/who_were_the_vikings/ an introduction to the Vikings from BBC Primary History

To prepare for Sports week in the summer term we will talk about healthy eating, focusing upon our favourite sandwiches. We will use a data package to present the results from research and then use the ICT software to design and make sandwich packaging.

SCIENCE

Our Science topic is : Habitats

We will look at the different habitats around our school, looking at what kind of living species live in those habitats. We will also learn about food chains and food webs in different types of habitats around the world.

Helping at Home

A huge thank you for all that you are doing with your children already at home.

Please continue with the spelling sentences homework and other homework tasks. I do appreciate your efforts and your child will benefit.

Please continue to encourage this enthusiasm with reading three times each week. Ask your child questions about the text so that you know s/he understands what is read.

Practice counting skills, including decimals, whenever possible.

- Count regularly beyond 1000 to 10 000 in 1's 10's and 100's
 - Play addition and subtraction games.

Many thanks
H Bradbury