

Lydgate Junior School

Curriculum Overview

Year 5 Spring term 1

The theme for this half term is...

Vikings

English

Our class book for this half term is Viking Boy by Tony Bradman which links to our history topic. We will begin with some work on poetry by looking at Viking kennings and using them to describe characters in the book. We will then read a range of Viking Sagas and the children will use drama and oral storytelling to retell the tales before writing parts of them. Following this, they will use the characters and settings to make up their own exciting saga in the same style. You can find some Viking sagas here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zkyqd6f>. We will be watching Thor and the Giants at school but your child might be interested in other stories too. You can help at home by encouraging your child to read widely and as often as possible, and by checking their weekly homework with them.



Maths

We will start with multiplication and division. The children will multiply up to three-digit by two-digit numbers and to divide 4-digit by 1-digit using efficient written methods. We will then move on to fractions. The children will learn how to multiply a fraction by an integer and will practise finding fractions of quantities. You can help at home by continuing to practise times tables and encouraging them to complete their weekly homework.



Science

This term, our science sessions will focus on forces. The children will explore gravity and the work of Isaac Newton, explore the connection between air resistance and parachutes, explore factors which affect water resistance, experiment with friction on different surfaces, and investigate levers, pulleys and gears.



History

Our history topic focuses on Vikings. The children will be looking at the image that people have of the Vikings and considering why they have such a bad reputation. They will look at a range of sources including written accounts from the time of the raid on Lindisfarne and recent archaeological evidence. They will also look at the battle between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings for control of the country and how England began.

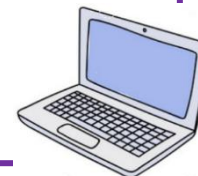


Religious Education

In RE, the children will be learning about Judaism, answering the question 'Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?'. This will include the core beliefs and practices in Judaism, and why the Torah is central to these. We will reflect on comparisons with the importance of the holy books in other religions.

Other Subjects

Computing – Coding – using block coding to create a maze game
PE – Dance (Dance by Chance & Rock n Roll), basketball
Music – African drumming
PSHE – Friendship
Spanish – My school



RRS

This half term will be our school campaign. The children will learn about the work of Sheffield Children's hospital and will think about how they can help by raising money. We will be taking part in the Pride of Sheffield fundraising campaign. More details to follow. Some of the articles we will focus on this term include:
Article 12 – have views considered seriously,
Article 13 – express thoughts and opinions
Article 24 – right to the best health care possible.



Design Technology

The focus for this half term is textiles. The children will be creating a mood board with images and ideas for making a stuffed toy. They will learn how to use some different embroidery stitches. They will then design and make their own mini dragon toy.



Enrichment Activities

York residential visit – Thursday 12th – Friday 13th February. More details to follow.

