

**Literacy/GPS** Our work will be based on two Viking themed texts: *Odd and the Frost Giants* by Neil Gaiman and *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. Using them as inspiration, we will explore: descriptive writing of characters and settings; instruction writing; expressive language and writing conversations, amongst other activities. Running parallel to this we will have lessons in grammar, punctuation and spelling. There will be weekly spellings to learn and handwriting practise. Pupils will also have guided reading sessions and use their reading journals to respond to their own individual reading.

**Maths** In mathematics, we will be covering areas relating to number facts, and relationships between numbers and calculating. We will also be using part-whole structures and concrete apparatus to help them to see numbers in a variety of ways. The children will be applying much of what they learn through problem solving and active maths. They will have the opportunity to relate the maths to real-life situations.

### **Science**

Our first science topic this term is Earth and Space. We will be discovering why we have day-time and night-time. Thinking about the movement of the earth will help us to understand the seasons. The children will be learning about the moon as well as the order and movement of the planets. Finally, we will be gaining some concept of how far away the planets are from the sun.

**RE** We will explore two questions this term, starting with: *What do faith communities do to show they belong?* This will have a focus on Sikhism and Judaism. After half term our question will be: *Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?* This unit will explore the Christmas story in depth.

**PE** In PE we will be further developing our team game skills through tag rugby and dodgeball. Children will practice choosing, combining and performing skills related to both sports. They will be able to pass, catch and intercept with accuracy and quality.

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### **PSHE & C**

This term focuses on relationships, friendships and respect. Children will learn about developing safe and healthy relationships with others around them. They will develop their ability to manage relationship issues and peer influence both in person and online. They will also be developing their understanding of equality and the role that respect plays in everyday life.

**Computing** Our work in computing will focus on coding and online safety. The children will use Purple Mash to develop their understanding of programming, culminating in them creating their own game with a scorer and timer.

### **Music**

This term children will explore how music has changed in different communities over time. They will also be given the opportunity to compose and perform their own pieces of music.

### **History/Geography**

This term the children will be exploring the life of the Vikings, which will build on their understanding of historical chronology. We will find out how they lived, as well as the importance of travel and ships.

We will also look at where the Vikings came from, as well as where they settled and why. We will explore the impact that the Vikings had on our life today.

### **French**

This term we will be covering the topics 'Eating Out' and 'Hobbies'. Children will learn a range of vocabulary related to the themes and will be able to construct their own simple sentences.

### **Art**

We will be continuing our work on Vikings through our artwork. Children will explore various designs and symbols from the Viking era; they will then use these designs to create their own Viking inspired bracelet.