



## Y3 and 4 Autumn Term

# Invaders and Settlers

### Our Topic

During the Autumn term, our first topic will be a whole-school creativity focus on The Scarecrow's Dance. This will then be followed by our Year 3 and 4 topic of 'Invaders and Settlers!' which will focus on learning about the history of our islands from 550BCE until 1066, covering a whistle stop tour of the Celts, the Romans, Anglo Saxons, Vikings and Normans.

We will be reading 'Viking in My Bed' by Jeremy Strong.

### Homework

In Year 3 and 4, we have high expectations with homework and expect it to be handed in on time and to a high standard. Children in Y3 and 4 will be expected to:

- Regular read at home. At least three times a week. Teachers will regularly check reading records and value an adult's comment in there.
- Learn their weekly spellings to be given out on a Friday to be completed for the following Friday.
- Complete a weekly maths activity, linked to something we have recently covered in class. This will also be handed out/collected in on a Friday.

In addition, we have one creative homework per half term (see to the right).

### PE and outdoor learning

We ask that children have their full P.E kit in school **at all times** and only take them home at weekends and holidays. Please also have wellies at school for outdoor learning.

Thank you for your continued support,

**The Year 3 and 4 Team**



Below is an overview of what we will be learning this term.

<b>Science</b>	Children will be looking at electricity and sound. They will learn about electrical safety, recognising and making simple and parallel circuits. As well as this, they will learn how humans hear and the different parts of the ear.
<b>History</b>	Children will look at the history of our islands from the Celts to the Normans, taking in the Romans, Vikings and Anglo Saxons on the way. We will be having a Viking Day which will include a visit from POPS Outdoor Adventure.
<b>Geography</b>	In geography we will be looking at the human and physical geography of the British Isles.
<b>Art</b>	Children will be looking at creating their own interpretation of the Bayeux Tapestry. Children will be looking at famous artists and drawing upon their ideas and different media to plan and create their own.
<b>ICT</b>	Children will be learning how to code using the programme and also learn about e-safety, mainly focusing on privacy and security.
<b>RE</b>	Children will gain a greater understanding about what Hindus believe about God and why Hindus worship so many Gods and Goddesses. They will also explore what Christians believe about the life after death of Jesus?
<b>PE</b>	In PE the children will develop fundamental movement skills for invasion games. In gymnastics, they will learn how to change speeds and levels within movements and plan, perform and repeat sequences.
<b>PSHE</b>	Theme: The caring school and Feelings, friends and friendships. Children will explore what makes a good friendship, consider how we make others feel and consider how others feel.
<b>Music</b>	Children will be learning about pitch, tempo, rhythm and pulse. They will be listening to various Abba songs and recognise these.
<b>DT</b>	In Autumn 2, we will be looking at the weaponry used during the different periods of times and then create a trebuchet. We will research the evolution of the trebuchet and the benefits of the additions.
<b>Spanish</b>	Children will continue to develop their spoken Spanish by creating sentences and phrases. They will revisit numbers and learn counting to 15 in Spanish.

For creative homework, we would like you to produce a piece of homework for each half term, one to be handed in on each of the following dates: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Here are some examples of what you could produce:

- Make a Viking shield
- Create a timeline from 500BCE until 1066CE
- Make a Viking Longboat
- Create a poster of the Roman numerals
- Write your name in Celtic runes
- Research and write a fact file on Viking gods and goddesses