

Vikings: Vicious or Valiant?



SMSC

This term's focus in RE lessons will be looking at how different cultures from all around the world worship. Our PSCH lessons will focus on the reasons why Vikings invaded and whether their brutal methods were justified. We will also explore why people become refugees and celebrate how collaboration between people from different backgrounds strengthens British communities.

Key areas of learning

This term, most curriculum areas will be linked to the question Vikings: Vicious or Valiant? The children will be learning the history of Viking settlements, the reasons for invasion and whether they were justified in their actions. We will also be exploring where we can still find clues of Viking culture within the U.K today. The children will also be developing their debating and reasoning skills when arguing for or against different view points of the time.

Literacy

This term will begin with a focus on narrative, based on a story shared with the whole school in assembly. The children will then be learning about the features of non-linear texts and will then have the opportunity to create their own Viking adventure text. The children's work will also include figurative writing devices to enhance their writing. Additionally, the children will also be exploring the features of a non-chronological report and to create their own using learnt facts.

STEM

In maths we will start the term by deepening our knowledge and understanding of place value and properties of number. The children will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 1 million, rounding numbers to the required degree of accuracy and working with negative numbers. We will then be moving on to the four number operations. Our science lessons will focus on the life process and reproduction of some plants including the features and functions of flowering plants. Our computing sessions will focus on understanding the correct use of search engines and be discerning in evaluating digital content. The children will produce presentations on their own chosen topic, based on the Vikings, which they will present to their class.

P.E

During PE lessons the children will be learning about invasion games with a focus on developing their attacking and defending skills in Hockey. We will also be creating our own Viking dance sequences using a range of different movement patterns.

Creative Arts

The children will be creating a range of different Viking inspired art work such as: a mosaic shield, a Viking Longboat and abstract art based on a battle. This will allow the children to develop their art and design techniques using a range of materials.