



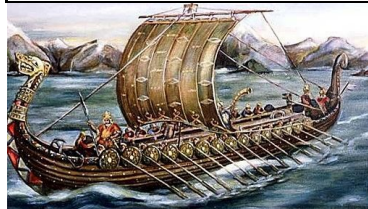
YEAR 4 CURRICULUM INFORMATION

English

- Fairy tales
Using 'Once upon a time in a land...' and recounting in chronological order with a hero or heroine searching for something, possibly with a sad ending and aiming to amuse or to convey cultural information.
- Grammar - the grammar skills which we will be learning, include:
Standard forms of English verb inflections (**we were**, not we was).
Time sequencing adverbs. E.g., After, later, finally.
Using a **comma** after **fronted adverbials**.
Using a wider range of **subordinating conjunctions**.
Expanding noun phrases by using **adjectives** and **prepositions**. E.g., Millions of years later, the rocks surrounding the skeleton rises to the Earth's surface.
Using **paragraphs** to organising ideas around a theme, including linking paragraphs using the opening and closing sentences.
Punctuate all sentences appropriately. Non-negotiable: **capital letters** and **full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas** after fronted adverbials.

Maths

- Fractions
Using **equivalent fractions** ($2/4 = 1/2$) to demonstrate understanding of what a fraction is, **adding** and **subtracting** fractions with the **same denominator** ($1/4 + 2/4 =$).
- Solving Number and Practical Problems
Children will apply their understanding of **addition** and **subtraction** to **solve problems** in the context of **money** and **measures**, including **fractions**.
- Mental Maths strategies
Children will continue to learn their **times tables** up to **12 x 12** and the related division facts.



Our topic this half term is Vicious Vikings!

Topic Overview

During this topic we will be investigating and exploring about how and why Britain was invaded by the Vikings! We will be researching and understanding the human geography and why settlements start where they do. In History we will develop a chronological understanding of the timeline of Britain and how it has shaped our lives today. We will also be thinking critically about the evidence presented to us and how we can evaluate to ensure historical accuracy. Finally, in Science we will be investigating how electricity impacts our daily lives.

Some brilliant books to read:

- 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo.
- 'Vicious Vikings (Horrible Histories)' by Terry Deary.
- 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell.
- 'The Saga of Erik the Viking' by Terry Jones.
- 'Odd and the Frost Giants' by Neil Gaiman

Important dates!



Please see the website for all the important dates for the Spring Term.

Useful Websites

- www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/10-facts-about-the-vikings
- www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/vikings.html
- www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/vikings
- www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6

Additional Information

FoH

Friends of Hillcross are looking for parent/carer volunteers to support with the Spring fair—please info www.info@hillcross.merton.sch.uk if you would like to support.

Wet-Play Games

If you have any books or games at home that you've become a little tired with, please donate to our Year 4 classes :-)

Tissues

As the cold weather stays with us, please send tissues in to help keep bugs off our hands and in the bin!



Where can I find out more?

Please see our topic grids to find out more about what we will be learning in Science, Art and Design, History, Geography etc. Also, the SMSC (social, moral, spiritual and cultural) grids will show our how our learning links to British Values, Equalities, Thinking Skills and PSHE

