

Fox Class

Our new learning theme for this half term is...

What were the Vikings really like?

Our focus will be history. We will be looking into where the Vikings came from, why they have such a bloodthirsty reputation and whether they were invaders or settlers.

Most of our learning will be linked to our main theme, although some subjects e.g. maths, will continue to be taught separately.

In **English** we will read at the book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd Stanton. This book follows Arthur, who decides to make the journey to the great hall and help Thor catch the wicked Fenrir. There, he is set the almost impossible task of sourcing magical elements to make a Golden Rope. We will be using this book to support our narrative writing in character and short story writing.

Our **Maths** this term will focus mainly on decimals – understanding what they are and using them in calculations. We will also look at the connection between fractions and decimals. Later in the term, we will move on to the theme of money.

Reminders:

Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day so that they have the opportunity to read independently or with an adult.

This term, we will still have **PE on Tuesdays and Fridays**. Your child needs to arrive at school in their PE kit.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please make sure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break time, we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to help encourage a healthy diet.



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In **Science** we are finding out about sound. The pupils will be learning to recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear and finding patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it.

In **DT** we will be designing and making Viking drakkars.

How to support your child at home:

Sharing stories and listening to your child read can really help further their learning at home. I completely understand that life can be busy, but 10 minutes a day can make a big difference.

Your child should also be logging onto Times Tables Rockstars as often as possible to work on their recall of the times tables. There are also plenty of games and activities available on Purple Mash. If you need any help logging in with these please let me know.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of the school staff. Thank you in advance for your support.

Links to previous learning...

Our theme will allow us to build on previous knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons who were closely linked to the Vikings. Our learning in science will build on concepts covered in the KS1 curriculum.

Dates for your diary:

Parents evenings: 28th and 29th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May

The Pines VE Day celebrations: Friday 9th May

Last Day of Term: Friday 23rd May