

In **Maths** this half term, our main focus will be on fractions. The children will recap their knowledge of unit fractions and non-unit fractions and be able to compare and order different fractions by placing them on a numberline. Children will also learn about fractions larger than one by studying mixed and improper fractions and how to convert between these. We will look at equivalent fractions and how to add and subtract fractions.

In **DT**, children will be researching through a taste testing experience different biscuits before moving onto designing and making their own biscuit recipe. The children will evaluate their final product and put it before 'a tasting panel.'

History forms our topic driver for this half term. The children will start the topic making a Viking longboat before exploring where they came from and why they invaded England. The children will be learning about challenging the stereotype of the Vikings being vicious and finding out about the struggle with the Anglo-Saxons. The topic will end with the children deciding whether the Vikings were raiders or traders.



Vikings

Were the Vikings raiders or traders?

Through our **English**, we will be using the fantastic story 'Three Little Vikings' by Bethan Woollvin, to explore narrative writing with a historical context. We will be working hard to engage our reader with a focus on using fronted adverbials and accurate speech punctuation. We will finish by writing our own exciting Viking story. Our non-fiction piece will also be based around our history topic. We will explore key characteristics of Viking life and write an information piece titled 'How to be a Viking'. Throughout each unit, we will continue to develop our grammatical knowledge, spelling and handwriting.

In **French**, a unit called 'La Date' will be studied. Within this, children will learn the months of the year and how to say when their birthday is in French.

PE this half term will be on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. In the lessons, pupils will explore and develop their accuracy to aim at a target when playing Golf.

In **RE**, our concept is salvation, considering why Christians celebrate the events of Holy Week. Children will explore the events of Holy Week and relate this to Christian life today.

In **Computing**, children will be focusing on furthering their typing skills. This will see them learn the placement of keys on a QWERTY keyboard to lay the foundation skills for touch typing by also using different sizes of keyboards.

During our **HeartSmart** sessions, we will be exploring the topic 'Don't hold onto what's wrong.' We will look at the importance of showing and asking for forgiveness and setting boundaries.

We look forward to our residential on Wednesday 18th March to Friday 20th March. More details to follow.

This term the children will also be learning lines and songs for our production of 'From the manger to the miracle of Easter' Easter performance. Please add these dates to your diaries: **Tuesday 24th March 6pm and Wednesday 25th March 2pm**. If the children wish to be considered for a main role, they will need to be able to attend both performances (including the evening performance). Costumes letters will come after we have cast the performance.

