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Dear Parents

### **Year 3 Subject Summaries: Spring 2020**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and welcome you back to another busy and exciting school term. It is wonderful to see how well the children are settling back into the school routines after the Christmas break and I thought you might like to know what your child will be studying this term.

#### **English**

Pupils will be reading and commenting upon a variety of myths and legends which will be linked to their History topic on Vikings. They will familiarise themselves with the specific language of this genre whilst consolidating their knowledge of adjectives, adverbs, speech marks and paragraphs. They will continue to learn a variety of spelling patterns and rules and be tested on a weekly basis to monitor their acquisition of them. They will also create poems and learn to use figurative language.

#### **Maths**

During the spring term, the pupils will rehearse place value in 3-digit numbers, order them on a number line and find a number in between. They will demonstrate mastery through solving challenging activities using their addition and subtraction skills. They will continue to learn the multiplication tables and understand the related division facts. They will recognise right angles and tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks.

#### **Science**

Year 3 pupils will compare and group together a variety of rocks. They will identify the properties and characteristics of sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rock. The children will have opportunities to describe in simple terms how fossils are made and what makes a volcano erupt. They will also study magnetic force and carry out scientific investigations to support their learning.

#### **Art/Technology**

Pupils will work with wood and begin to learn the basic joinery skills of sanding and preparing wood. They will have the opportunity to work with textiles to create a Viking cloak. Fastening techniques and working with art materials such as paints, pencils and charcoal will continue to be taught and mastered by the pupils.

#### **French**

This term, the pupils will continue to broaden their vocabulary and develop accurate pronunciation in greetings and conversation openers. In conjunction with the program 'Linguascope' they will look at food and animals and express personal opinions as to which foods they like and dislike.

#### **Music**

The pupils will explore concepts such as dynamics, tempo, rhythm and timbre. They will develop these through singing, playing percussion and learning action songs. They will also prepare for the Mother's Day and Easter services.

## **History**

This term, the children will be learning about the Vikings. They will learn to explain if the Vikings could be better described as raiders or traders, pillagers or settlers after studying where they came from and how they lived. They will appreciate that history is a construct based on evidence.

## **Computing**

Computing will focus on developing the pupils' skills in coding and programming. Using the online program 'SCRATCH' they will create simple programs, animate characters and create on screen actions. After half term they will learn how to send and receive an e mail and, using EXCEL, create simple spreadsheets. Having a clear understanding of the importance of internet safety is ongoing.

## **RE**

Within RE the pupils will continue to develop their understanding of major World Faiths by looking at Sikhism. They will understand what the key beliefs, traditions, symbols and artefacts of this faith are. After half term they will study the Christian festival of Easter, particularly focusing on the importance of Good Friday and how Christians recognise this.

## **PSHE**

Pupils will learn what is meant by the term 'habit 'and why habits can change. They will know which, why and how commonly available substances and drugs, e.g. tobacco and energy drinks, can damage their future health and safety. They will learn what is meant by a 'healthy lifestyle' and how to maintain physical, mental and emotional health and well-being. They will use mindfulness to stay calm and relaxed and consider what it is to be a friend.

## **Games - Boys**

The boys will focus on football next term where they will be improving their basic skills and increasing their understanding of match play. They will be outside on the grass unless the pitch is frozen and so will require football boots, shin pads, tracksuit bottoms and their hoodies (navy base layers may also be worn). If the session is in the sports hall, they will require clean indoor trainers.

## **Games - Girls**

The girls will be playing netball, learning the basic rules and tactics of the game and how to apply these when playing in a competitive environment. They will play in the sports hall and will require clean indoor trainers and wear white socks.

## **Physical Education**

Gymnastics and traditional UK dances will be the themes of this term's PE lessons. Listening and working cooperatively in a team will be on-going skills.

I do hope you find this information useful so that you can support your child in their learning. If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch:  
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Yours sincerely



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