



Emmanuel Primary School

Year 4 Topic Sheet

Autumn Term 2023

Topic: Anglo Saxons + Vikings and United Kingdom



## LITERACY

On-going: Spelling, handwriting and guided reading. In Literacy this half -term, we will read *Odd and the Frost Giants* by Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell. The novel draws on Norse mythology and the Vikings which is linked to our History learning this term. Inspired by the text, the children will learn and practice a range of literacy skills and will build up to retelling the story from another character's perspective. Guided Reading is taught through a whole-class approach. The text used within reading lessons is also used in writing lessons. This allows our children the opportunity to explore texts in greater depth, extend their vocabulary and make links between reading and writing skills and knowledge.

## MATHS

The focus of teaching in Year 4 is to ensure that pupils become increasingly fluent with whole numbers and the four operations. During the year, children will develop efficient written and mental methods and will calculate with increasingly large numbers. Pupils will develop their ability to solve a range of problems and use their reasoning skills to explain their mathematical thinking. Each term, children will study aspects of place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions (including decimals); measurement; geometry (properties of shapes and position and direction) and statistics. **By the end of Year 4, pupils must know the multiplication tables and division facts up to and including 12 x 12.**

## P.E

Children will have a PE lesson every Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure children come into school in their full PE kits.

## MUSIC

This term children will have music every Wednesday.

**LATIN-** This year, we will be learning Latin as a school every Tuesday with a specialised Latin teacher, Miss Lathan. It is a fantastic language that helps children understand the foundations of multiple European languages and grammar.

## SCIENCE

**Autumn 1: - The Human Body-** Children will build on their knowledge and understanding of different systems within the body. They will research the parts and functions of the digestive system. They will focus on how nutrients are transported around the human body. Children will explore how a healthy lifestyle supports the body to function and how different types of drugs affect the body

**Autumn 2: - Living things and their habitats -** In the unit, the children will learn how to: recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways; and explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.

## HISTORY

**Autumn 1: - Vikings and Anglo-Saxons-** This topic will teach children about the raids and invasions by Vikings in Anglo-Saxon Britain. The children will learn who the Vikings were as well as when and where they raided and settled. They will learn about significant events from the period and order these chronologically on a timeline. The children will find out about the Anglo-Saxon kings who ruled during the 'Viking Age' and examine their influence and significance in British history. In addition to this, they will learn about the Anglo -Saxon justice system and compare and contrast crimes, punishments and laws with their modern-day equivalents. The children will also have the opportunity to learn about different aspects of everyday Viking life. They will explore the types of houses that the Vikings lived in, what clothes they wore and even what types of food they ate.

## PSHE

Children will find out what makes a healthy lifestyle. They will learn about the importance of nutrients as well as about different drugs, including alcohol. After half-term, children will develop an awareness of the role of victims, bullies and bystanders, as well as make decisions on what they trust online using agreed criteria.

**RE- Autumn 1: -People from the Old Testament-** During RE lessons in the first half of the Autumn term, children will develop their knowledge about many people in the Old Testament, including Abraham, Ruth and Daniel and suggest some answers to 'why' questions about the motives and reactions to situations faced by some people of the Old Testament.

**Autumn 2: - Is Peace the most important message at Christmas? -** Pupils will consider what peace is and through reading stories in the New Testament, think about what the Bible tell us about Jesus' message of peace.

## GEOGRAPHY

**Autumn 2: -Spatial sense-** In this unit children will build upon their geographical skills. Children will learn more about the globe and the lines geographers draw around it to help locate places. They will learn that lines of latitude are lines that measure the North-South position between the poles. Children will revisit the equator line and will also learn that lines of longitude measure the position East or West of the Prime Meridian line, a line that runs from pole to pole and is used as 0 degrees.

**ART-** Children study art of the Anglo Saxons by focusing on objects found at the burial ground at Sutton Hoo, illuminated letters painted in the Lindisfarne Gospels and the Bayeux tapestry. In the previous term they study the Anglo Saxons in history, and therefore come to this unit with historical knowledge. They learn that the interlocking and interlaced patterns used in the metalwork at Sutton Hoo are echoed in the designs used in the Lindisfarne Gospels, and use watercolours to produce their own, similar designs. This allows focus on accurate and detailed brushwork, building on their knowledge of how to use watercolour movement.

## CORRECT WINTER UNIFORM

- White shirt with Emmanuel yellow and navy tie or white polo shirt with Emmanuel crest.
- Navy cardigan or jumper. Emmanuel cardigan is available!
- Grey Trousers / Navy skirt or dress.
- Black shoes and white, grey, navy or black socks.
- White or navy tights.
- No jewellery apart from stud earrings.
- No nail varnish
- Yellow, white or navy hair bands

## SNACKS AND LUNCHTIME

Please provide healthy snacks for play time; no crisps, chocolate or nuts. Children must now bring their own water bottle to school. Please see the Packed Lunch Policy for more information on the school website

## If there is a concern...

Children can use the worry box in each classroom, circle time during PSHE or arrange to see Mrs Watkins for 'Let's Talk'. Parents/Carers please arrange an appointment to see the class teacher by contacting the school office.

## HOMEWORK

We will increasingly use Google Classroom to set homework each week. Homework is handed out on a Friday and is due in on Tuesday. However, if pupils hand it in on Monday, they will receive 5 house points!

**Reading for pleasure** - Children should read for at least 20 minutes every day at home. To encourage children to read for pleasure, they will be given a reading record to record what they read each evening.

**Spellings** - Each half term, a list of all the spellings for the half term will be sent home, ready for a test each Thursday.

**Times Tables** - Children should practise their times tables throughout Key Stage 2, ready for a test each Monday.

**Maths Homework** - Children will either be given a maths activity online to consolidate learning in class or a problem solving activity.

**Literacy Homework** - Children will either be given a Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar activity or a creative writing activity.

*If homework is not handed in or incomplete, children will be expected to stay in at lunchtime for 20 minutes for 'Homework Club', unless there has been communication from a parent.*