



Class B

Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of Class B,

We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to seeing what a new school year brings! We are very excited to begin our Autumn Term with the exciting topic of 'Leif Erikson - Voyage of Discovery'.

Below you will find some of the areas we plan to cover across our subjects this term:



History/ Geography

As part of our topic this term we will be studying the Vikings. We will look at where the Vikings fit in the timeline of History, what came before and what came after?

We will locate on a map Viking homelands and settlements. We will learn about what life was like during the Viking period, studying trade links, lifestyle and land and sea battles.

We will also explore advances in technology during the Viking period and investigate longboats. We will compare life then to life today and how our lives have been influenced by the Vikings.



Literacy





This term our English work will be centred around two high-quality picture books which we will use to inspire us to develop our story writing skills.

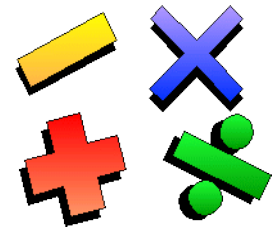
We will also work on recounts and diary writing and later in the term we will learn to write a persuasive informal letter.

In addition, we will complete a Poetry unit and look at Viking myths and legends to link with our Topic work.

Numeracy

Place Value Chart

| Thousands | Hundreds | Tens | Ones |
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We will begin the Autumn term by focusing on Place Value - looking at numbers up to the thousands.

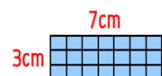
We will look at addition and subtraction before finishing off with multiplication and division.

In addition to the above, Year 4 will also be looking at Area and will be calculating the area of simple shapes.

Finding the Area (rectangle)

To work out the area of a rectangle, multiply its length (the longer side) by its width (the shorter side):

$$\text{length} \times \text{width} = \text{area}$$



The area of this rectangle is
 $7\text{cm} \times 3\text{cm} = 21\text{cm}^2$



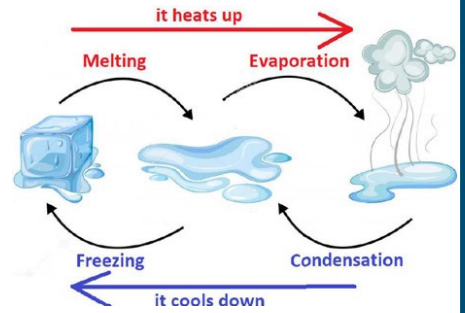
Computing

We will be learning to write code and produce animations in Scratch and to create digital self-portraits.

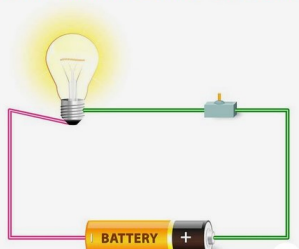


This term in Science we will be exploring 'States of Matter'. The children

will identify and explore the properties of solids, liquids and gases, investigating how some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. We will also learn about condensation and evaporation in the water cycle.



SIMPLE ELECTRIC CIRCUIT



After half term we will look at electricity, creating and drawing simple circuits, making switches and investigating the best electrical conductors.

PE



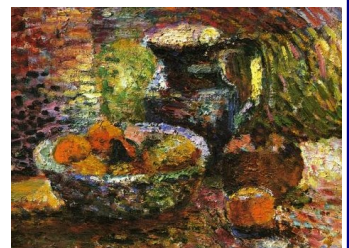
This term, PE will be every Thursday and we will develop our skills in dodgeball, hockey and yoga. Swimming lessons at New Mills Pool will take place on Wednesdays.

Art/ Design and Technology

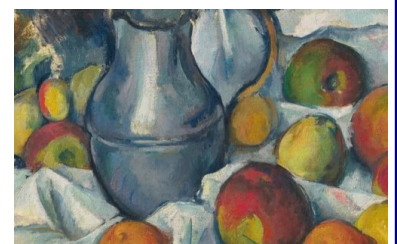


Our Art lessons will focus on the theme of Autumn.

We will draw leaves and pumpkins in pencil and colour, print leaf patterns, paint using vegetable skins and explore the art of Henri Matisse and Paul Cezanne.



We will also design and make a Viking purse.



MUSIC

We are very lucky to be joined by Derbyshire Music Partnership - Wider Opportunities who will be teaching us how to play the drums this year.



Spanish

Mrs Parry will be teaching us to speak Spanish. We will learn to say hello and goodbye and ask and answer the question 'How are you? We will also practise counting from 1-20 and say colours in Spanish.

RE

We will explore the question 'Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?' in RE lessons.

Jesus loves You!



PSHE

The children will take part in series of lessons from the Jigsaw PSHE scheme, focusing on 'Being Me in my world' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

Homework

Brain Builder homework is set on Fridays and is to be returned the following Wednesday. There are 3 homework options to choose from, with a minimum of one to be completed.



This will also include a set of spellings for your child which will be taught the following week in school. Please also try to read with your child as often as possible.

If you have any questions regarding your child or our topic, please contact us via Class DoJo.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cioffi, Mrs Guy
and Mrs Pooley.

