



## Woodpeckers - The Vikings



Start Date  
3rd January 2018

End Date  
28th March 2018

### Values, PSHE & RE Topics

Our values will include a focus on tolerance and compassion for this term and our PSHE theme will also reflect these core values. In RE this term we will be studying Judaism.

We will begin the Spring term and the topic by researching invaders and settlers with a focus on the Vikings and their reasons for invading Britain. We will cover areas such as daily life, growing up, religion and beliefs.

In Literacy, this term we will be developing our skills in persuasive writing alongside looking at myths, legends and/or fables.

Later in the term, we will be looking at recounts, including letters, diaries and newspaper reports.

In Science we are investigating animals, including humans and all living things.

Maths will be taught everyday with mental maths taking place on Fridays. We will study Fractions, length and perimeter and money.

Spellings will go out every Thursday to be tested the following Thursday. Please help your child practice these spellings as often as possible as they will feature in their Literacy work.

Guided Reading groups will take place throughout the week with book changes every Tuesday, so please ensure your child has brought their book bag and their reading journal.

In addition to swimming, PE this term will focus on orienteering skills. It will take place inside and outside so please ensure your child has a suitable kit, including jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers/ plimsolls.

**Take home task to support work in school.** This term, as our topic is The Vikings, I would like children to choose one particular area of the topic to research. A few ideas might include symmetrical designs of Viking longship sails; write some messages using Viking runes; make a Viking shield; make a model of a Viking house and/or village. The Vikings used bows and arrows to hunt in battles. You could make up a new target game and record the totals you score. Please bring the projects in during the last week of the Spring Term (March). Edible projects should be brought on the day.