

# Headlands Primary School- Termly curriculum newsletter

## Year 4, Term 1– Viking Invaders



We are really excited about this term and can't wait to get started on our new school year. It is so lovely to have the children back in their classes! The Year 4 team is made up of Miss Toone in Class 9MT and Mrs Evans in Class 10. The children will also be supported by Miss Edwards and Mr Upex.

Our prime learning challenge this term is 'What were the Vikings well-known for?' As **Historians**, we will begin by becoming Anglo-Saxon spies to see what is arriving in British waters and will continue by looking at the impact that the Vikings had on the UK and abroad as raiders. In addition, children will explore the Viking culture and Vikings as warriors, traders and settlers. As **Writers** we will be looking at myths and legends inspired by Viking invaders.

In other areas of the curriculum, as **Scientists**, we will investigate 'States of Matter' and explore different materials. Children will also be able to describe properties of materials and how matter can change. As **Artists**, we will observe the flora and fauna of the rainforest and develop our drawing and painting skills. Our focus artist is Georgia O'Keefe and Nixi-waka Yawanawa. We will also be learning how to speak **French** so we can greet each other, give classroom instructions and say everyday items. In **RE**, we will be exploring how promises are explained in the Old Testament through drama and discussion. To enhance our **Computing** skills, we will be digitally editing photographs. In **PE** we will be learning to enhance our social skills through movement and games. In **PHSE** we will be learning about 'being me in my world'.

For ten weeks of this term we will be learning how to play the samba drums with help from the Northamptonshire Music Hub. This will be very exciting!

To support your children, you could discuss whether things are a solid, liquid or gas and the reasons why at home and look at flowers and leaves whilst out on a walk and make observations. Knowledge organisers and the curriculum overview are available on our website so please have a look and discuss the topics with your child.

Please follow the link to the knowledge organisers that detail what your children will be learning about and the vocabulary that we will be using with them. The knowledge organisers will spark lots of conversations between you and your child: <http://www.headlands.org.uk/parents/curriculum.php>

### Things to remember:

- On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the children must come to school in their PE kit..
- Please name all uniform

### Our school email addresses are

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We will endeavour to respond to your emails between 9-4.30 in the week, during term time.

Termly Learning Conversations –16th and 18th October

End of term is Friday 20th October

School will reopen on Tuesday 31st october



Our class reader this term is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The children loved their creative writing about the Iron Man so we thought they would like to find out about the rest of the story. Please support your children to read by reading their own book with them at home at least 5 times a week.



Our DARE endeavours this term will be to elect a person from each class to join the School Parliament. This will support the children to learn how our democratic system of government. This experience will strengthen the children's understanding of their world. In addition, the children will be learning to play the samba drums, enhancing their ability to work collaboratively.



Honesty

Our Virtue this term is HONESTY. Please use the following points to inspire a conversation about honesty at home. What does it mean to be honest? Who do you consider to be an honest person and why? When is it difficult to be honest? What makes you an honest person?