

# WILLOW CLASS – Autumn Term

## "Vicious Vikings"

### English

Willow Class' chosen book to study this term is 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. The children will be using extracts from the book to support their writing. We will be focusing on character description, a non-chronological report on a dragon, a newspaper report and a 'Conquering the monster tale'. Students will use Talk4Reading to enhance vocabulary, using a sample of Cressida Cowell's vocabulary both verbally and within their writing. As well as this term's class book, students will have a variety of high quality texts surrounding the theme of Vikings to further develop rich vocabulary.

**We are reading...**

### RE

The two focuses for RE this term are: "What do Christians learn from the creation story?" and "What is it like to follow God?"

Children will be re-enacting the creation story and will look at how different religions follow God.



### Maths

During the Autumn term, pupils will revise taught number skills from their previous year group before moving on to develop their place value, addition, subtraction and multiplication knowledge and understanding. Pupils will learn how to add and subtraction 3 or 4 digit numbers whilst carrying, will have a greater understanding of the meaning of multiplication and division whilst looking at arrays and will quicken their mental maths with patterns and methods to calculate building on what they already know.

### Science

During the summer term, we will be exploring animals including humans and how they need the right types and nutrition of the food they eat, and that they cannot make their own food.

We will also look at teeth, skeletons and muscles and how they support, protect and allow animals to move.



### Art and DT

Willow Class will be looking at patterns and detail of famous artwork from William Morris and will take inspiration from the world around us. Pupils will be:

- Creating a pattern using their drawing
- Taking inspiration from mood boards
- Use initial research to develop it

In DT, Willow class will be getting crafty this term!

They will be shown how historically, people made blankets and clothing using a loom. The children will have a go at weaving themselves, and will also be practising cross-stich and applique.





## History

Willow Class will be learning about 'Vicious Vikings' this term.

We will be studying Vikings closely, looking at where Vikings or Norsemen originated from, why they wanted to invade our country and what happened during their time in the United Kingdom.



## Geography

The geography content for this topic will include:

- Use atlases and online mapping tools to identify Scandinavia
- Locating and labelling countries in Europe and the world's oceans



## Music

Willow class will be studying Viking music. They will be able to sing and perform like a Viking.

The children will be able to recognise minims, crotchets and quavers, often by ear and reliably by sight.

## PSHE

This term, in PSHE we are looking at 'Being me in the World' children will be discussing and thinking about different roles in the community and how democracy works. Followed by 'Celebrating Differences' in the second half, where children consider the ways in which we are all different and that this is a positive aspect of being a human.



## Computing

We will begin by revising the importance of internet safety. Pupils will be shown how to keep themselves safe online, will understand what a virus is and how it can be caused as well as identifying any false claims on advertisements. We will then move onto practicing using Windows, Office and Google Docs.

## French

Children will be introduced to France and its culture whilst looking at cities, architecture, culture and its population. Afterwards, pupils will be practicing how to greet others and say their name practicing simple phrases whilst speaking and writing them.

## PE

We will continue with practising the skills and techniques necessary to be successful in team games through netball and tag rugby. These skills include:

- Pivoting, dodging and passing
- Attacking and defending
- Playing in different positions
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The children will take part in dance; simple line dances and gymnastics where they will create and perform counterbalances.

September - Courage  
October - Responsibility  
November - Peace  
December - Joy