



WILLOW CLASS – Autumn Term

“Vicious Vikings”



English

As they develop as writers, Willow Class will let their imagination flow through their wishing tales. A wishing tale involves a character who wishes for something to come true. If you had one wish, what would you wish for? Our model text is called 'The Whale's Promise' - a Viking wishing tale. We will learn this before we write our own versions. As readers, we delve into our new text, 'How to Train Your Dragon.' This is an exhilarating novel by Cressida Cowell, where the children will be transported to the fictional island of Berk. The story covers themes of self-discovery, individuality and empathy.

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 looking at gospel teachings through Christianity and comparing to today's society.



Maths

During the Autumn term, Pupils in Willow Class will revise taught number skills from their previous year group before moving on to develop their place value, addition, subtraction and multiplication knowledge. Pupils will learn how to add and subtraction 3 or 4-digit numbers whilst carrying, will develop their multiplication and division knowledge using groups and arrays. The children will complete daily fluency tasks to increase their competence and confidence.

Science

Through planning and running their own investigations, Willow Class will be able to:

- Label and describe the functions of the skeletal system
- Explain how muscles are used for movement
- Understand how food is a main source of energy for animals.

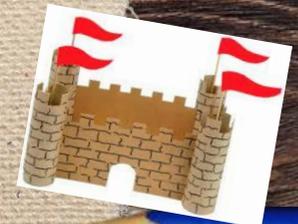
As scientists, they will gather and compare data and record information using secondary sources.



Art and DT

In Art, the children will explore the 'fabric of nature,' using different textile techniques to develop patterns, repeating patterns and begin to understand starting points in a design process

In DT, the focus is structures and class will design a castle from a template. They use different materials to make sturdy and strong castles fit for purpose. All of the process will be evaluated.



History

As Historians, Willow Class will explore "The Vicious Vikings."

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:

Using atlases and online mapping tools to identify Scandinavia

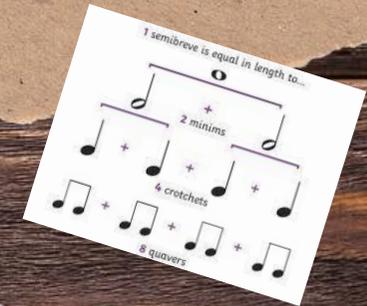
- Locating and labelling countries in Europe and the world's oceans
- Physical and human features of Scandinavia



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, our PSHE curriculum will be split into two areas; Families and Relationships and Health and Wellbeing.

They will discuss friendships, stereotyping gender and disability and respecting differences.

After half term, the children will look at being healthy, both physically and mentally and how to communicate feelings.



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.



Values of the term:

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