



# Swans Year 4



We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a very Happy New Year. Our topic this half term is called 'All Aboard' and focuses on the Vikings. This topic has an historical focus, covering the following aspects:

- Who the Vikings were, where they came from and when they invaded.
- Why the Vikings invaded and why they settled here.
- What Viking long ships were like, and in DT we will be making some!
- Viking warriors, the weapons they used, and what they wore.
- How the Vikings lived, including Viking farms, clothes, houses.

As well as our main topic we will also cover these areas:

- In PE we will be doing gymnastics and tag rugby.

*All children need shorts for gymnastics as it is not safe for them to be on the apparatus in tracksuit bottoms. They will also need a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms for outside PE, and trainers in a plastic bag (they are going to get muddy!) Plimsolls are not suitable as they will get wet feet in seconds! Please can the children have their indoor and outdoor kit in school EVERY DAY.*

- In French we will be learning the vocabulary related to Fruit, food, café role play, revision of colours and numbers and The Very Hungry Caterpillar.
- In Music our focus will be Invaders and settlers - part song, ostinato, pitch, tempo, rhythm, timbre and structure in music, along with accompanying with percussion.
- In Science we will be studying materials including solids, liquids and gases.
- In RE we will be looking at where, how and why people worship.
- In Computing we will be looking at writing for different purposes and how technology can aid that.
- In PSHE our focus is 'Going for goals'. We will also be looking at road safety.
- In food technology we will be making pasta dishes.
- In Art we will be painting with water colours and creating self portraits.

In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum with a focus on fractions, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, problem solving and measurement.

Our English will linked to our topic work where we will be writing information texts about the Vikings.

Please feel free to pop in to 'Drop In' every other Wednesday at 3pm. We are **always** happy to discuss matters that are important to both you and your child.

Mrs Criddle