



## 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, 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 family members; and rhymes.
- In Music our focus will be on playing the recorder, glockenspiels and using musical notation.
- In Science we will be studying animals, including humans.
- In RE we will be looking at where, how and why people worship.
- In ICT we will be looking at programming.
- 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 sketching and painting.

In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum with a focus on fractions, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, problem solving and measurement. Times tables homework will continue to go out on a Monday and be returned the following Monday. Please encourage your child to do a little every day, not the whole sheet in one go; and remember that we will come back to all of the tables throughout the year.

Our English will be linked to our topic work where we will be writing information texts about the Vikings; and we will be writing our own Viking sagas.

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 Collins & Miss Ratcliffe