



# Curriculum Newsletter – Class 8

## Welcome to Class 8!

Your children have all settled in well. We have a packed curriculum for them this year.

This newsletter will summarise what they we be learning for the term. If you have any suggestions, queries or questions, please do come and talk to us. God Bless, Mrs Philpot, Mrs Norris, Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Wilson.

## English

### Writing

The genres we will be looking at are: Setting Descriptions, Non-chronological reports, Persuasive writing and Story Writing. Writing is a focus for this year group and we know that your children are up for the challenge.

Spelling patterns and common exception words will be taught on alternate weeks.

### Oracy

Oracy will continue to be a focus throughout the school day. If you are interested in developing your child's oracy skills at home do come and talk to us.

### Reading

Reading is a big part of our curriculum and will continue to be taught in 3 out of 10 lessons fortnightly. Children will learn how to read with expression, answer questions using a range of techniques and to make predictions.

Our Class novels are Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo and The Great Chocoplot by Chris Callaghan



## History and Geography

Our History and Geography topic this term is The Vikings. We will develop our historical knowledge by learning about chronology and understanding and using words such as: decade, century and millennium.

We will go onto to learn about the Vikings and where they originated from, their invasion of England and how this affected the country we live in today. We will delve into the way of life for a Viking, looking at their villages, what made them so successful as well as comparing their original homesteads, to the United Kingdom.



## Maths

Maths topics for this term will be:

- Place value to 10,000 (4weeks)
- Addition and Subtraction (3 weeks)
- Measurement – Area (1 week)
- Multiplication and Division (4 weeks)

Each topic will have an end of topic test which will determine how well the children grasped their learning.

In addition to this, children will have daily mental arithmetic and times tables practise which will be completed using Sum Dog or the Mastering Number programme which we use. Times tables knowledge is needed throughout all of the topics.



## Science

Our topic for science this term is 'Animals Including Humans'. We will look at how both animals and humans have teeth that are used for a specific purpose. We will move on to see how our stomachs help us to digest food. In our lessons, we will try to work practically and learn all about scientific enquiry.

The second topic that we will look at 'States of Matter'. We will try to classify materials into solids, liquids and gasses.

## PE

This term, the children will develop their Tag Rugby skills. Our P.E. lessons are on a Monday and a Thursday. Please remember the P.E. kit should include a plain white t-shirt, and black/navy shorts. A black or navy tracksuit, leggings and a jumper, can be worn as the weather gets colder.

## Music

This term children will be learning about Country and Western Music by learning a song used for a Hoe Down. Children will learn about the history of Country and Western Music, learn a related song and use instruments to accompany the song. Lesson will be

taught weekly.

## RE

Our R.E. lessons are shaped by the 'Come and See' curriculum. The first topic that we will look at is called 'People'. This topic leads us to look at families, and find out about Jesus family. Scripture from the Old Testament about Abraham, King David, Ruth and Jacob will develop the children's understanding of Jesus' family.

Within the second topic 'Called', we will look at how we are all called to be a part of God's family. This topic will focus on how we are baptised and confirmed in God's name. In addition, we will study a topic called 'Gifts' in preparation for Advent. Throughout the term we will also have stop and think days, where the children will be encouraged to learn about special events such as World Peace Day. Daily prayer will continue, with children leading many of these times of prayer.



## French

Our first French topic this year looks at La date. We will learn how to say the days, months and years in French. We will learn to say our birthdays. In addition to this we will be learning general greetings, which we will use to have a conversation.



## D&T

For Design and Technology the children will design a pair of Viking shoes. They will assume the role of a local cobbler (shoe maker) and design and make a pair of turn shoes for a member of a Viking family from Thormad (Thornaby). They will learn a variety of stitching techniques and create their own pattern for the shoes.

## Computing

In Computing this term, we will be looking at the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure. We will learn about the World Wide Web, add, create and evaluate online content and understand the consequences of false information. We will also record and evaluate digital audio producing a podcast and discuss the ownership of digital audio and the copyright implications of duplicating the work of others. It is important to remember how to keep safe when using technology, so we will learn about how to use computers responsibly and how to communicate online safely.

## Art

In Art we will be learning about Manga art. This will involve studying a Manga artist and learning about their inspiration. We will then be practising sketching, drawing 2d and 2d shapes, and colour mixing. We will use these skills to create Manga art inspired by an artist as well as creating our own pieces of Manga art inspired by our own faces.



## Homework

### Spellings and Times tables

Spellings and times tables will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Times tables can be practise on TTRS.

### Reading

We ask that the children read for approximately **10 minutes** every night, 5 nights each week.

This can be a combination of their school reading book, and their own book, that they are enjoying reading.

### Reading Plus

Children should complete 2 reading texts at home each week. Please record this in your reading record as one of your reading sessions.

### Sumdog

Weekly maths tasks and multiplication tasks will be set on Sumdog. Children have their log in details in their reading records.



## Important Dates

**PE Days: Mondays and Thursdays**– please remember to bring your kit.

**Half-term holiday:** We break up on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October and return Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Christmas holiday:** We break-up Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and return Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.