Topic: The Vikings

Subject	This unit will teach the class about the raids and invasions by Vikings in Anglo-Saxon
	Britain. The children will learn who the Vikings were as well as when and where they
	raided and settled. They will learn about significant events from the period and order
	these chronologically on a timeline. The children will find out about the Anglo-Saxon
	kings who ruled during the 'Viking Age' and examine their influence and significance in
	British history. In addition to this, they will learn about the Anglo-Saxon justice
	system and compare and contrast crimes, punishments and laws with their modern day
	equivalents. The children will also have the opportunity to learn about different
	aspects of everyday Viking life. They will explore the types of houses that the Vikings
	lived in, what clothes they wore and even what types of food they ate.
English	Language and Literacy Fiction. Key writing purpose: To write a new episode for the
	story. The new episode: has a problem, reaction and resolution, has dialogue that
	sounds convincing because it is based on what I know about the characters, shows the
	characters' reactions to new situations.
	Grammar: includes correct use of first person (I, we) for a short part of the episode
	written by a first-person narrator.
	Language and Literacy Non- fiction. Key writing purpose: To write a balanced discussion
	text about whether break times are too short.
	The discussion text: is balanced (it includes statements that show I have thought
	about both sides of the argument), shares information with the reader in clear
	sentences that makes sense, shows clearly what is a fact and what is an opinion.
	Grammar: includes adverbs and adverbials to show that I am considering both sides of
	the argument, e.g. Some people think that, However, On the other hand.
Maths	Multiplication and Division
Science	Year 3: Forces and Magnets. Children will learn about forces in the context of
	pushing and pulling, and will identify different actions as pushes or pulls. They
	will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate friction, by exploring
	the movement of a toy car over different surfaces. Children will work in a hands
	on way to identify magnetic materials. Furthermore, they will conduct an
	investigation into the strength of different types of magnet. The children will
	have chance to explore the way magnetic poles can attract and repel in an
	exciting activity, making their own compass and using it to find hidden items. The
	children will use their understanding of magnetic attraction to design and create
	their own magnetic game. They will develop their scientific enquiry skills, making
	observations, predictions and conclusions.
	Year 4: (please see Ford Topic Overview 'Science' for more detail)
Geography	Name and label countries, routes, Viking Homelands and Settlements.
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History	<ul> <li>Develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives.</li> <li>Address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference and significance.</li> <li>Construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.</li> <li>Note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms.</li> <li>Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.</li> </ul>
Design	Paper Longboat, Viking shield and brooch
technology	
Languages	Develop practical communication in the French language
Religious	Christianity: Communities. Children will examine aspects of practice which reveal
education	Christians belong to communities, with particular reference to worship and rites of passage/ceremonies that mark transitions in life.
Computing	<ul> <li>design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide</li> </ul>
	multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration
	<ul> <li>use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise</li> </ul>
	acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.
Physical	Gymnastics: Shape Year 3, Movement Year 4
education	
Music	Charanga Music programme
Art and	Painting techniques including watercolours. Work with Hillary Waugh and local
design	artist, Brian D. Powell

Homework, including spellings, goes home on Fridays. Please return homework folders to school on Thursdays. A copy of our Homework Policy is on the school website

http://www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk/website

Spelling and multiplication tests are every Friday.

## Useful Links

KS2 Maths <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/">http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables</a>

 $National\ \textit{Curriculum}\ \underline{\text{http://www.educationengland.org.uk/documents/pdfs/2013-nc-framework.pdf}$