

## Year 4 Newsletter – Summer Term



### Literacy

This term, we will continue to focus on producing handwriting that is of a consistently high standard. We will spend time each day looking at punctuation and grammar fundamentals. Our Literacy topics for this term will be tied to our Commando Joe's missions. We will cover instructions, descriptive writing and poetry.

### Numeracy

This term, we will be continuing our work on decimals, before moving onto money, time, statistics and finally Geometry. We will also continue to practice times tables daily.

### Science

All of our science lessons will be linked to the Commando Joe's mission the children are currently on. This term, we will be focusing on states of matter and electricity. We will investigate the properties of water and explore materials that will float or sink.



### History

In History, the children will learn about the invasions of the Vikings. We will look at Viking clothing, tools and weapons as well as their settlements. The children will discover how the Vikings became known for being such fearsome warriors.

### Geography

Our focus for Geography will be centred around the current Commando Joe mission. We will be studying where the Vikings originated from and how this compares to modern day Norway.



### Commando Joe's

Each topic will have a set of missions tied to it. Children will work through the week to build up the knowledge they need to carry out these missions.

This term our focus will be the adventurer Leif Erikson.



### Art

This term, we will start with life drawing – plants and evergreen trees. We will then move onto painting and illustrations of Viking warriors and Gods.

### PSHE

In PSHE, we will be focusing on philosophical discussions that are tied to our mission statement. An example being "There are two choices. The pain of self-discipline or the pain of regret"

### Computing

During this unit learners will apply their knowledge and understanding of networks, to appreciate the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure. They will learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet, and be given opportunities to explore.

### RE

In RE, we will be studying Viking beliefs. We will look at their warrior Gods and worship of ancestors. Following this we will look at the Viking conversion to Christianity and the introduction of churches.

### Design and Technology

This term, we will design and build a Viking shield. We will also design, build and evaluate a monument/statue of the great Leif Erikson.



### Physical Education

On Thursdays, children will need to come in their PE kit. This term, the focus will be on Football.

### Homework

Homework will be set each Friday. This homework will be handed in for marking on Wednesday. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.