



Badger Class News! Spring 1 2018



Vikings!

Welcome back! We all hope that you had a great Christmas Holiday!

We will be exploring the new topic of 'The Vikings!' This will involve identifying photographs of artefacts, looking at the difference between 'now' and 'then' as well as making our own famous Viking objects such as shields and long boats.

The school trip will be to a role-play centre so that we can dress up in different job roles and interact with a range of interesting resources.

Thank you very much and if you have any questions please ask either in the blue home books or over the phone.

Topic Materials

In topic we will be constructing famous Viking relics such as long boats and shields. Please send in any spare junk modelling containers that you have.

Thank you!

English

Our literacy topic for this half term is 'Dialogue and Plays'. We will look at well-loved stories such as 'The Gruffalo' and 'Funny Bones' which include familiar, fun chants that we can learn and say together.

We will also focus on specific phonics to build our knowledge of letters and sounds. Practising our mark making skills will involve using a range of sensory materials and hand gym activities. We will read our books at least 3 times a week in order to build reading skills and record reading logs in the yellow home books. The children will bring their reading log prizes home every other Thursday if they have collected 10 new logs.

Mathematics

In number lessons the children will get to work with a range of resources such as number lines, number cards, counting animals and number grids. These will support their recognition of numbers, adding, subtracting, grouping and the concepts of more/less. In 'Understanding Shape' we will start with familiar 2D shapes. We will sort them into categories and match them with labels to show our understanding of what they are. After that we will learn their properties and how to describe them before we create patterns with them.

Useful Websites!

1. http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/vikings/who_were_the_vikings/
2. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/ztyr9j6>

P.E.

For P.E. we will be taking part in **gymnastic** sessions in the hall.

We will look at how to set up the hall with mats as well as how to climb safely over a range of equipment, from the ropes and the balance beams to climbing frames.

How to travel at different levels using the equipment will also be important.

We will practise our balance skills at the same time.

Please can we have P.E. kits ready for use on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Thank you so much for your continued support and help with this!