

Foundation Subjects

Geography - Our focus in geography will be a study on Iceland, which was settled by Vikings in the 9th century. We will learn about its location in the world and practise using what we know about compass points to describe its position in relation to other countries. We will investigate how Iceland is divided into regions and we will explore its physical features using Google Earth.

History - This term, we will learn about the Vikings, we will look closely at the kind of warriors they were and why and how they travelled to Britain. We will look at the settlement of Vikings and locate these places on the map. We will explore the reputation of the Vikings and look at historical sources to develop our understanding. We will locate the period of the Vikings on the timeline and compare to other known events to deepen our chronological understanding.

Computing - Our focus in computing is computer art. We will be looking at how to use a range of digital software, especially 'paint' to create art and will recreate styles of artwork inspired by different artists.

PSHE -In PSHE we will focus on rules, friendship and how to solve problems. We will discuss special relationships and how we value these. We will work on teamwork and complete games and activities that strengthen these skills.

RE - This half term we will look at important events and how they are celebrated across different faiths. We will continue to discuss values and respect alongside each scheme of work.

DT -In DT we will be practising our fine motor skills by weaving; a common skill used by Vikings. We will first learn the skill by weaving paper, before progressing on to weaving with wool. Hopefully learning our warps and wefts.

French- Y3 will continue to work on counting in French and begin to look at the French calendar and how to say days of the week and months of the year.

As always, you can help your child by talking to them about what they have learnt.

English

This half term the children will be studying the book: Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton. This is the tale of an unlikely Viking hero who has to undertake an epic journey to save his village. Unfortunately, the villagers don't think much of Arthur, so we will use our literacy skills to explore the changing thoughts and feelings of both Arthur and the villagers throughout the story, linking it to SMSC objectives. It is a beautifully illustrated book which will allow the children to build on their description skills as they pretend to be Arthur on his treacherous journey.

We will investigate non-chronological reports linked to our current history topic of Vikings, furthering our abilities to identify key facts and make notes. The children will use the features of these reports to write their own version of a non-chronological report.

We will continue to work on our spellings and recognition of Y2/3 common exception words. We ask that you please read with your child as much as possible to support learning at home. Children now have logins for bug club phonics (Y2) and spelling shed (Y3) which can be used at home and at school.

Forces & Frozen Fjords



Year 2 and 3

Science

This term our new science topic is Forces and Magnets. We will begin by investigating push and pull forces and how much force it takes to move an object. We will also consider how the type of surface affects the amount of force needed to move the same object. We will also start to think like scientists and consider how to design experiments in a fair way. Toward the end of the half term, we will begin our lessons on magnets learning about poles, attraction and repulsion.

Please explore the local area with your child when out and about to support our learning in school.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue our focus on multiplication and consolidate our times tables. We will look closely at grouping, arrays, related facts and multiples of 2, 3, 5, and 10 for Y2 and also 4 and 8 times tables for Y3. We will also explore problem solving and reasoning questions and practice using our skills to work out quickly and accurately. We will then move on to looking at division and use related facts to consolidate multiplication facts.

You can help your child by helping them to learn and practice their times tables.

Here is a link to a great game to help with number bonds and times tables. - [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Hit-the-Button)

The Notice Board

PE- This will be on a Friday afternoon. We will be focussing on increasing speed and agility through teambuilding games and circuits.

Dance will also remain on Tuesday mornings- children don't need a kit for Dance but please make sure earrings are taken out and if your child has a verruca/wart please let us know.

Forest school will not run again until February. A ping will be sent out closer to the date of resuming to remind you all when appropriate clothing is needed again.

Please always send your child with a water bottle

Miss Mitchell will be in class Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday AM
Mrs Moon will be in class Wednesday/Thursday and Friday.
Mrs Baxter will be in class every morning and Mrs Lodge every afternoon. If you have any questions please send them to our class email address which is class2@scapegoathill.co.uk where a member of the team will get back to you asap.

Y2 Parents- Please try and use **Bug Club Phonics** at home where possible to develop phonic skills.

Y3 Parents- Please use **Spelling shed** where possible to develop spelling.