

<b>TERM:</b> Summer 1 2017	<b>CLASS:</b> Year 4	<b>TOPICS:</b> The Vikings / The UK
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<b>ENGLISH:</b> We will start the term with non-fiction. We will examine recount writing in the form of biographies. Next, we will revisit fiction. We will read Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox. Here we will concentrate on setting and character description. Finally, we will look at couplets in poetry.	<b>MATHEMATICS:</b> <b>The following topics will be covered this half term:</b> Shape & Symmetry, position & direction and statistics.  Children will be developing their mastery of the above topics by tackling problem solving and reasoning activities in a variety of contexts.	<b>SCIENCE:</b> Circuit, cell, bulb, switch... Children will Find out about the electrical terminology and explore how electricity is used today. Children will also explore the history of electricity and the safety precautions individuals must take when working with electricity.
<b>COMPUTING:</b> From this project, children will learn about the key factors in producing good footage. The children will devise their own characters, plot and storyboard before filming their short movie. The children will then import their film clips into iMovie where they will edit and enhance their footage before sharing their movie with the rest of the class.	<b>HISTORY:</b> This half term the children will be investigating the VIKINGS ... They will find out Vikings were called Norsemen, and came from Scandinavia. They spoke Norse, which had an alphabet made up of characters called runes. They travelled over the sea in longships, which are long, narrow wooden boats that could be sailed in both deep and shallow water.	<b>GEOGRAPHY:</b> We often call our country the United Kingdom, U.K., Britain or Great Britain however officially it is called The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The children will investigate the physical geography of the UK along with some of its major landmarks.



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<b>LANGUAGES [FRENCH]:</b> Children will be looking at how to discuss birthdays. Building on previous knowledge and language, children will add the necessary vocabulary to introduce their birthday day, month and year.	<b>P.E.:</b> A specialist P.E. teacher comes into school every Friday to teach us basic movement and skills, developing running, balance, agility and coordination. This term Mrs Burroughs will be teaching tennis and there is a coach for rugby too. The children will also continue with their swimming lessons each Wednesday.	<b>R.E.:</b> Buddhist festivals are joyful times. There are many different Buddhist festivals around the world. The most important ones celebrate events in the Buddha's life. Some festivals are special to a particular country. For example, Sri Lankans celebrate Poson Day. All Buddhists celebrate Wesak, or Buddah Day.
<b>MUSIC:</b> We will have a specialist teacher coming into school to teach us how to play the ukulele. We will continue to learn basic chords and songs. We will be improving our knowledge of chords and chord charts and building towards a final performance.	<b>ART &amp; DESIGN:</b> The children will learn about Famous British artists and their works to link in with our Geography topic.	<b>DESIGN &amp; TECHNOLOGY:</b> In connection with our history topic the children will be designing and creating their own Viking long boats.