



THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
OF ST.SAVIOUR AND ST.MARY OVERIE

Year 4
Half Termly
Overview

Autumn 1

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Maths

We will begin the year by looking at number and place value in maths. It is critical children are confident in the value each digit in a number is representing. We will then focus on written addition and subtraction methods. Class 4 will learn to do this with 4 digit numbers. Here are examples of the written method of exchanging we will use:

$$1845 + 526 = 2371$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1845 \\ + 526 \\ \hline 2371 \end{array}$$

$$637 - 252 = 385$$

$$\begin{array}{r} ^5 ^{13} \\ 637 \\ - 252 \\ \hline 385 \end{array}$$

There will be a strong focus on multiplication tables in Year 4 and children are required to be confident up to 12 x 12. There will be regular tests to monitor and check fluency.

Supporting Maths at Home:

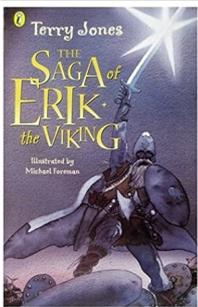
Please encourage multiplication practise at home.

The calculation policy is on the website — click on Year 4 to fully understand the methods taught for each operation.

<http://www.cathedralprimaryschool.com/maths/calculations/>

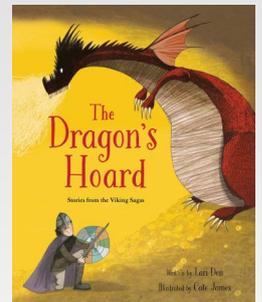
English

Viking Sagas



Our literacy lessons will focus on exploring Viking sagas and we will use the stories to inspire our own writing. We will be developing descriptive vocabularies and language to build

atmosphere and create suspense. In addition to this, we will be writing poetry in a tradition Viking style and looking at persuasive writing and developing a sense of character.



Supporting reading at home:

- Ask your child to discuss words and phrases that capture their interest.
- Encourage your child to think about the author's choice of words and how it makes the reader feel e.g. the use of 'whispered' instead of 'said'.
- Identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise them.
- Predict what might happen from details shown or implied.
- Use a dictionary to check the meaning of words that they have read.

There will be a strong focus on handwriting this year. Please encourage your child to practise this carefully at home. Presentation is key to making your child feel proud about their learning.

Year 4



R.E. Judaism

We will be deepening our understanding of different faiths around the world by studying Judaism. We will focus on Jewish practise, traditions, rituals and key festivals in the Jewish calendar.



Science Digestion

We will be learning about the basic parts and functions of the digestive system. We will be identifying different types of teeth and their functions. We will also be interpreting and construction food chains. The learning will be hands-on and there will be opportunities for them to design their own experiments.



History Vikings

We will be exploring the Vikings, looking at their relationships with the Anglo-Saxons, their reasons for raiding, how they fought and the kings and battles of that time. Within this context we will be writing diaries, creating newspaper reports, having debates and building poems.



Computing E-safety

We will spend this half term focusing on e-safety. We will look at how we can safely browse online, use google carefully and ensure we are looking at credible sources. We are also going to start our digital literacy topic for the next half term.



Art Pablo Picasso

This term our focus is on the cubism artist Pablo Picasso. We will explore key aspects of his work, develop our use of pattern and shape, create compositions reflecting his colour style and plan and build our own collages.



P.E. Swimming

As we are waiting for confirmation from a local swimming pool, we will have games for P.E every Friday. When we start swimming, the children will significantly grow in confidence and improve their techniques in a variety of strokes. In the meantime, please make sure that your child brings in their P.E. kit to school.



P.S.H.E. What is important to me

We will be looking at why people may eat or avoid certain foods and factors that influence their food choices. We will be learning about the importance of getting enough sleep.

There will also be a big focus on perseverance and resilience in Year 4.

Homework

Homework will be given 4 times a week. Please encourage this at home and ensure it is handed in on time. Homework will involve Sum Dog, Reading Eggs, spellings and other learning that will consolidate and enhance the learning being done in school.

In addition, your child should be reading at with an adult at home at least three times a week.