

Upper School Spring Term

Geography/ History

Leading us into our study of The Vikings, we will be focusing on Scandinavia and learning what biome it is in and cultural differences. We will then explore Viking invasions, everyday life for Vikings and welcoming Erik Eriksson in for an immersive day handling artefacts and listening to tales from those times.

Art/ DT

Linked to our unit of Scandinavia, our DT will focus on food handling and preparing the national dish Smørrebrød, an open-faced sandwich, which is a beloved part of Danish cuisine.

Our art will focus on the famous Scandinavian artists John Bauer and Edvard Munch. The children will study their drawings and paintings respectively and attempt to imitate their works and practise to improve their own drawing and painting techniques.

Computing: In computing we will be looking at Apps and understanding what their function is. We will also be designing a new App. We will be exploring Sketchup – a 3D modelling software that allows users to create and manipulate 3D models of buildings, landscapes, furniture, and other objects. It is commonly used in architecture and interior design.

R.E: This term, we will begin by comparing the views of Humanists and Christians using the philosophical lens, to explore the key questions, 'Why do some people believe in God and some not? How does faith help people when life gets hard?'. We will then view Christianity through the theological lens exploring the Christian Creation story compared to scientific theories of how the world was created. We will question whether scientific and religious views are conflicting or complementary.

French

'Au Salon de Thé' –In this unit the children will learn how to: remember and recall a wide variety of foods, snacks, and drinks typically served in a salon de thé, to understand better how to change a singular noun to plural form and to perform a short role-play ordering what they would like to eat and drink.

PSHE

We will be learning about keeping healthy in our minds and bodies, plus dreaming big and how to achieve our goals and aspirations.

Music

We will be taking a musical journey through space, exploring sounds and moods and listening to parts of Holst's Planet Suite. We will begin to compose music inspired by different Planets.

Science:

This term we are exploring all aspects of materials including their properties and the way these determine what they are used for. We will be developing our Investigative skills by carrying out experiments into the chemical and physical changes that happen to materials when they are treated in different ways.

English

This term we will be exploring a range of writing genres as well as dramatic conventions focusing on the story Beowulf. In addition we will look at Scandinavian to inspire writing. We will continue to learn a range of spelling patterns and strategies combined with weekly grammar focuses and reading comprehensions, plus a new text focus: The 1000 Year Old Boy. Within the unit, the children will perfect their diary writing, report writing plus letters of apology.

Maths

In maths we will be developing our strategies for written calculations. As always we will continue to challenge the children with investigations to deepen their understanding. Children will be expected to use correct mathematical language at all times to describe patterns and make mathematical links. Our topics will be continue to range from number - fractions, decimals, percentages as well as shape work and statistics.

PE:

If the weather permits, we will be perfecting the necessary ball skills required to play a competitive game of hockey.

Inside, we will be developing our strength and flexibility in gymnastics as well as mastering our netball skills, later in the term.