



## *A note from Primary 3...*

*Please find below an outline of our learning from August to December 2017.*

**Social Studies** We are already enjoying our new 'People, Past Events and Societies' context for learning - *The Vikings*. We are approaching this through Big Picture Planning, which ensures children's ideas and suggestions are very much part of the process of deciding what and how they learn. Expect lots of challenge and enjoyment - as well as excitement - in the course of this topic, with its wide scope for learning across other areas of the curriculum!

**Science** Later in the term our topic will be 'Sun, Moon and Stars', with a particular focus on the moon. This will include a special homework task, when the children will be asked to keep observation records of the moon at night.

**Health and Wellbeing** Since returning to school, we have focused on the School Values of Friendship and Responsibility. We will go on to look at keeping ourselves and others safe by identifying unsafe situations and describing the people who can help. We will also look closely at the meaning and practical aspects of safe food handling, putting these into practice by preparing and tasting Viking-themed food. In PE we will work on fitness and on our throwing and catching skills, applying these in a variety of games.

**RME** This term, we will be exploring the beliefs and values demonstrated in the parables and will consider and discuss the ways in which these have relevance to the children's own lives and experiences. Later in the year we will enjoy our exploration of the Christmas Story.

**Technologies** We are working on keyboard and mouse skills as we develop our word-processing expertise, and will be using laptops in class and PCs in the Innovation Space to support our work in many areas of the curriculum.

**Expressive Arts** Our Vikings context will provide us with lots of links to enjoyable work on poetry, dance, song, drawing, painting and model making. Mr Watson will guide us in our exploration of musical themes related to the Vikings.

**Modern Foreign Languages** In French, we are learning the days of the week and months of the year, as well as making sure that we maintain our skills with French numbers. We will be revising our colours and practising some basic conversational phrases.

### **Literacy and Numeracy**

Our learning in these areas will draw upon the contexts listed above but will differ according to the needs of each class/group. There will continue to be a strong focus within Literacy on Talking and Listening.

In Mathematics, there will be an ongoing, deep focus on number facts, multiplication tables and making links to real life. We very much appreciate your invaluable support at home with children's learning in these vital areas.



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