



Howden le Wear Primary School
Year 3/4 Curriculum – Summer 2019
Miss Natrass



Literacy

Throughout the term children will continue to build upon their grammar and spelling skills. We will focus on developing more variety in our sentence structure and begin to think about writing for an intended purpose.

This term we will be reading 'Leon and the Place Between' by Grahame Baker Smith. The children will write in a range of styles, such as, a character description, a diary entry, a persuasive poster, retelling a story in role and playscripts.

Children will be reading in school on a daily basis and it would be great if this could be mirrored at home. Focussed literacy sessions will take place daily, including a Guided reading session and access to Lexia and Accelerated reader each week, during which children will explore a range of texts.

Numeracy

In line with the National Curriculum for Mathematics, children in Year 3/4 will study the key areas: Number and Place Value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions; properties of shape; Geometry including position, direction and motion; measurement and statistics. They will also develop their problem-solving and reasoning skills in order to apply these skills to real-life Maths.

Parents can help their children by practising the following skills:

Year 3:

- Basic number facts e.g. doubles, halves, number bonds
- Recall of the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x tables within 8 seconds of being asked
- Reading the time from a clock to the nearest 5 minutes.

Year 4:

- Mental addition and subtraction facts
- Recall of all times tables within 6 seconds of being asked
- Reading the time from a clock to the nearest minute

For other Foundation Subjects, children in Year 3/4 will study the following topics:

Science



In Science the children will be learning about forces and magnets. We will discuss the action of each force and how it works. A large focus this term will be on experimental work as children learn how to independently plan, conduct and evaluate experiments linked to the content taught.

Computing



The children will be developing their programming skills, creating their own leaflets, editing and amending photos and videos and improving their online research skills by considering the keywords they use in search engines. Children will also consider ways to keep safe in the online world.

Geography



The children will be finding out about North America this term. Year 4 children will choose to explore and research one country of North America and work independently, or with a partner, to produce their own Geographical project. Year 3 children will explore different aspects of North America, such as river, mountains, etc.

Religious Education (RE)



In RE we will be looking at Hinduism and their beliefs. We will be learning about Hindu deities, festivals and buildings and comparing these to what we know about Christianity.

Physical Education (PE)



This term the children will enjoy tennis lessons and will participate in a Viking dance programme. They will work on developing their ball skills, hand-eye co-ordination and choreography skills, as well as their teamwork. Please ensure children have their PE kits in school throughout the week; PE is on a Monday and Tuesday but kit may be required on other days. Children will also participate in Sports Week, including various sporting activities and of course, Sports Day.

History



Our history focus this term is the Vikings. We will compare how people lived during this time with modern life and look at their way of life, Vikings Gods and diets. We will also explore Viking poetry and how this has been used to explain Viking invasion and their way of life.

Art and Design



To link with our history topic, children plan, design and make their own Viking longboats. They will consider the purpose of these for the Vikings and the reasons for the way they were constructed.

Music



Children will be working with an external music teacher to learn to play the Ukulele. They will learn how to hold the instrument and how to play simple tunes.

PHSCE



In PSHE the children will reflect on the diversity of our local community and the wider world, before consider their own goals and aspirations, both short and long term. Towards the end of term, this will lead the children to reflect on their time in Year 3/4, before setting goals for the next academic year.

Languages



We will continue to study French in class, where children will learn about plants, food and shops in the town. We will continue to develop oral skills through practical activities and role play.

Educational Visits / Visitors to School

Children in Year 3/4 will have the opportunity to participate in various sporting events during our annual sports week. Year 3 children will be spending a day learning all about camping, from putting up tents to making food, before Year 4 children go on their overnight camping trip, where they will plan their own meals, put up tents and participate in lots of different activities.