



# P.P.S. Elm Class

April 2021  
Summer Term

## What Makes Britain Great? / Vicious Vikings and Smashing Saxons

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer term. We hope you had a fantastic Easter break and are ready for your child's new learning experiences this term. We are starting a new topic this half term called 'What Makes Britain Great'. After this, we will be exploring the topic of 'Vicious Vikings and Smashing Saxons'.

In Science, we will be focusing on outdoor learning for the first half term. We will be exploring living things and their habitats. We will be enhancing our learning through practical activities and projects as part of our 'Film, Farm, Fork' initiative. The children will have opportunities to look at the lifecycles of different plants and animals in our school environment. After half term, we will be focusing on changes in humans from babies to old age.

Our PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays, please make sure your child has the appropriate kit and they come into school wearing their kit on their PE days. In PE the children will be taking part in both Cricket and Athletic lessons. The children will also be learning how to use their striking and fielding skills in a range of games, such as rounders.

Computing lessons for the first half term will be focusing on how to use the

This is just an outline of what the children will be exploring during this topic. We are using these newsletters to give you information about your child's education as this will replace the foundation subjects comments on the annual report.

computer software, 'TinkerCAD'. The children will be learning how to design and create their own 3D models, which could then be printed using a 3D printer. The final computing unit will be focused on 'Scratch'. The children will build on their previous learning to create their own games by coding.

This half term our topic will be geography focused. We will be exploring the geography of the United Kingdom, looking at the different geographical features of different parts of the UK. The children will be looking at how the geography of our country has changed over time, particularly looking at Petworth and London.

After half term our focus will shift to History, looking at the lives of the Anglo-Saxons and Viking.

Art lessons will focus on the key question 'Graffiti - Art or Crime'. Children will begin by looking at the architect 'Norman Foster', before learning about the work of 'Banksy'. The children will create their own stencils before creating their own graffiti piece.

The children will then extend their DT skills by making catapults and shields. They will research why these were used by the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons and use their knowledge of pulleys and gears to make their own.



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Our RE lessons will focus on the question 'What Would Jesus Do?'. The children will explore the foundations Christians use to live their life and how different people get their foundations from different places. We will then learning about Islam and be focusing on the question, 'What does the Qur'an reveal to Muslims about Allah and his guidance?'

Within French the children will focus on the seasons, learning how to say the seasons in French, as well as key words to describe them. The children will then learn how to say and describe the planets, in French.

This term, we will also be continuing with our 'Film, Farm, Fork' project. The children will take part, every Monday, in activities that will build up skills in gardening, film making and cooking. This term will see the children baking and cooking with in-season ingredients, as well as producing topic-based films and continuing to grow and develop our allotments and gardens.

Of course, English and Maths will be taught on a daily basis and will often be linked to the topic areas listed above. If you would like any additional information about this term's learning, please do not hesitate to ask us.

Elm class will be reading a class novel together. The first half term, we will be reading 'Skellig' by David Almond, followed by 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. You can find out all about what

we are reading in the school newsletter or on our blog, which we will be posting on weekly.

Spellings will follow the spelling patterns along with words from the statutory lists. Spellings will be tested on a Friday. Times tables will be taught daily. Homework will continue to be set weekly. This will consist of Prodigy Maths and Times Table Rock stars. Reading comprehension and spellings are still a weekly occurrence to support all children and their learning at home. The children should continue to practice their spellings on EdShed.

I am really looking forward to the coming term. If you have any concerns or feel that you need to talk to me, please feel free to make an appointment at the office.

Zoe Pennicotte-Henrie

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|        | Home-<br>work due<br>in |                      |          |                  |
|        |                         | Home-<br>work<br>Set |          |                  |
|        |                         |                      |          | Spelling<br>Test |
|        | PE                      |                      |          | PE               |