



Powerful Forces that Shape Our World

In our topic: 'Powerful Forces that Shape Our World' we will be learning about natural and human events that have had a big impact on the world around us. In geography, we will explore earthquakes and how these powerful natural forces change landscapes and affect people's lives. In history, we will examine how the powerful Vikings shaped history through exploration, settlement, and cultural influence. In science, we will analyse how classification helps children understand the living world and the forces that shape ecosystems. Together, these units help us to see how our world has and is constantly shaped by powerful forces.

Maths

We will continue to have a **times tables test** and either an arithmetic or reasoning test every **Friday** (please ensure that your child practises their times tables and calculation methods each week). We will be continuing with our scheme of work called White Rose Maths. Our lesson progression will be available on our class page on the school website for you to see what we are learning about in class. On our page, you will also find downloadable Maths textbooks for you to support your child at home.

English

READING: Children **MUST** be reading regularly at home to an adult (at least 10 minutes, 5 times a week).

SPELLING: We will have a weekly **spelling test**, every **Friday**. Spellings will be sent out at the beginning of term and are **available on our class page** on the school website. Please ensure that your child learns these each week.

GUIDED READING: To help improve our reading comprehension, we will have guided reading every day. Each session will focus on developing the reading skills of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarise.

Science

We will learn how scientists sort and identify living things, including microorganisms. We will use classification keys, explore the main groups of animals and plants, and learn how the scientific classification system works. We will investigate yeast as a microorganism through a simple experiment and discover how microorganisms can be both helpful and harmful.

History

We will learn who the Vikings were, why they travelled to the British Isles, and what life was like when they arrived. We will explore Viking journeys, settlements, and their impact on Britain, using historical evidence to understand why the Vikings came and how they changed the places they settled.

PSHE

PSHE lessons will explore: Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me. We will learn about the importance of taking responsibility for our health and how to make choices that benefit our health and well-being.

RE

Our RE lessons will focus on the big questions of: What would Jesus do? and What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?

Geography

We will learn what earthquakes are, why they happen, and how they can change the landscape and affect people's lives. We will explore the science behind tectonic plates, investigate real world examples of earthquakes, and learn how communities prepare for and respond to them.

PE

Our PE lessons will be taught by Mr Bazell on a **Friday** afternoon. In term 3, our topic will be gymnastics focusing on matching and mirroring. In term 4, our topic will be games focusing on striking and fielding. Please remember to have PE kits in school at all times.

SATs Preparation

In term 4, we will be focusing on preparing for our SATs in May. Please encourage your child to practise what they have learnt in school, at home, by using their logins to:

[Maths.co.uk](https://www.maths.co.uk)

[Sumdog.com](https://www.sumdog.com)

[Spellingshed.com](https://www.spellingshed.com)