

Year 3: Have we got news for you...



*We would like to wish all our children and families a Happy New Year!
Now that the children are well settled into the juniors we are looking forward to continuing the year with lots of exciting things to look forward to, including trips and visitors linked to our topic.*

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Tilley & Mrs Winders

Come and See

Journeys

(08.01.18—29.01.18)

Explore

The journey through a year

Reveal

The Christian family's journey with Jesus through the Church's year

Learning Focus

1. The liturgical year
2. The seasons of the Church's year
3. Ordinary time
4. The feasts of Our Lady
5. The pilgrimage psalms
6. The Christian's life journey

Listening & Sharing

(5.02.18—05.03.18)

Explore

Listening and sharing with one another

Reveal

Listening to the word of God and sharing Holy Communion

Learning Focus

1. The people gather
2. The people give glory to God: the Gloria
3. The Liturgy of the Word
4. Preparation of the Gifts
5. Eucharistic prayer
6. The Communion Rite

Giving All

(12.03.18—16.04.18)

Explore

How people give themselves

Reveal

Lent, a time to remember Jesus' total giving

Learning Focus

1. Lent; an opportunity for giving
2. How to be giving
3. A new way of life
4. Sometimes it's hard to be totally giving
5. Jesus' total giving
6. Jesus is risen

Literacy

Unit 3—Fiction: Science Fiction / Fantasy Stories

- Connect and explore themes and ideas in science fiction and fantasy stories, making links with their own experiences
- Explore how an author develops plot
- Devise questions for the main character to ask and answer in role
- Write a new episode for the story

Non-fiction: Discussion Texts

- Consider what makes a discussion balance
- Look at the language we use to structure a balanced and discursive argument
- Role-play a debate
- Write a balanced discussion about whether break times are too short

Unit 4—Fiction: Poetic language and word play

- Explore and discuss key features of different types of poems
- Recognise and discuss poetic techniques such as alliteration
- Explore a poem and perform it
- Write a performance poem and perform it to the class

Non-fiction: Explanations

- Explore the aspects of explanation texts and make them clear for the reader
- Investigate different types of explanation texts
- Write two clear and useful explanations and present them to the class.

Numeracy

Year 3 Non-negotiables

Number:

Recognise that two halves/three thirds/four quarters are equal to one whole

Count in halves, thirds and quarters within 10

Choose and justify efficient calculation strategies for age-appropriate calculations

Derive facts from known facts (multiplication / division and addition / subtraction)

Begin to count in tenths

Multiply by 10 and 100 recognising the importance of place value

Data:

Read scales in steps of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10

Shape and measure:

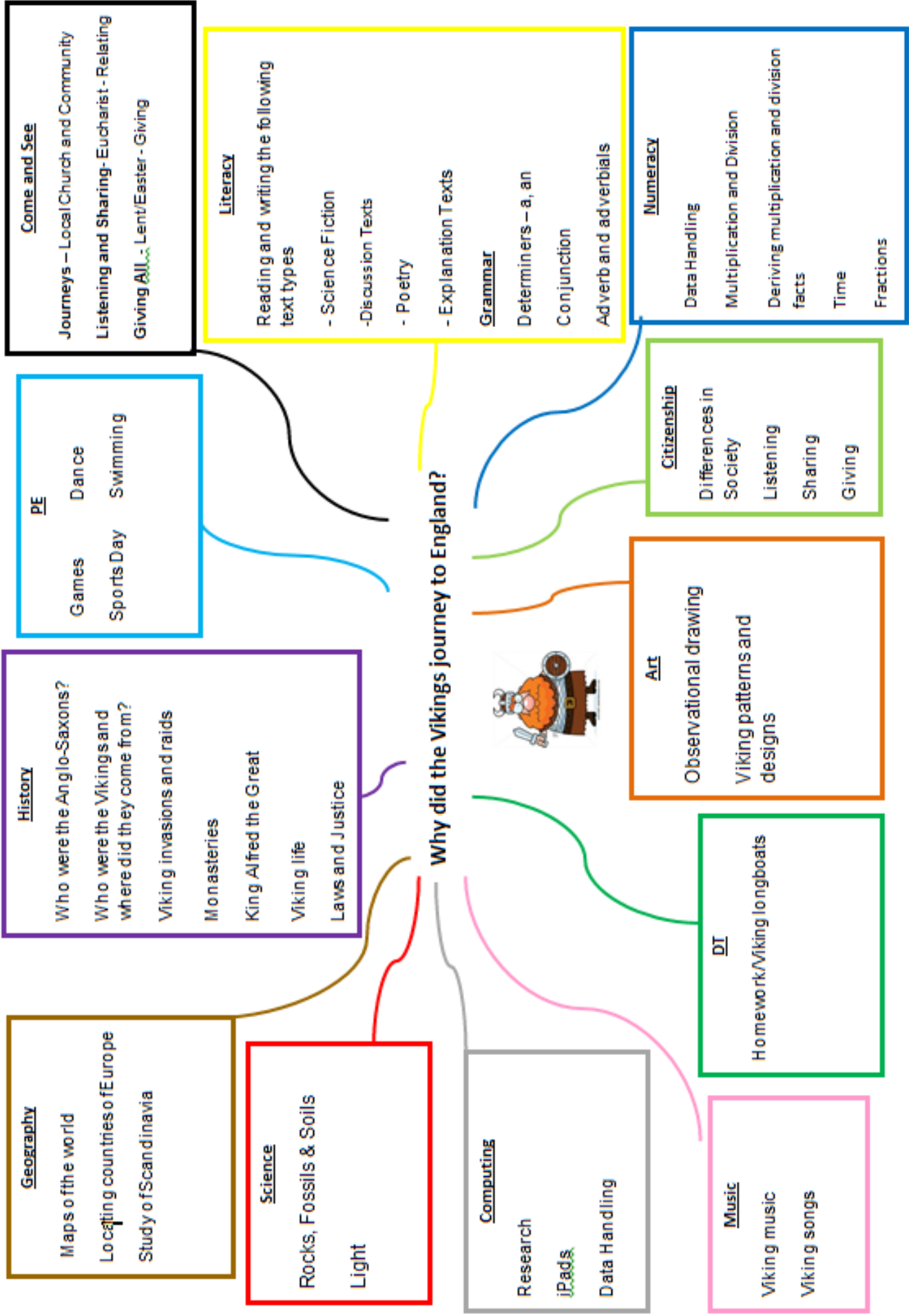
Identify right angles and that two right angles make a half turn

Calculate the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes

Time:

Tell the time to the nearest minute

Tell the time from an analogue clock using Roman numbers I to XII.



Things you can do at home...

Research our topic about the Vikings.

Practise times tables and Learn it Facts for weekly tests so that you can beat your personal best scores and see your dojo character appear on our class blog!

Practise handwriting—remember lead ins and lead outs but don't worry about actually joining letters just yet!

Recommended books...

Spring 1

Space Race - Malorie Blackman

Letters from an Alien Schoolboy -

Ros Asquith

Dotty Inventions and Some Real Ones Too

- Roger McGough

How Dogs Really Work - Alan Snow

Wendel's Workshop - Chris Riddell

Alienography: Or: How To Spot and Alien

Invasion and What To Do About It -

Chris Riddell & Paul Stewart

Spring 2

Tongue twisters, nonsense poems and riddles

The Works—chosen by Paul Cookson

The Works 4—chosen by Pie Corbett & Gaby

Morgan

We Couldn't Provide Fish Thumbs—James Berry

Mustard Custard Grumble Belly and Gravy—

Michael Rosen & Quentin Blake

Funky Chickens—Benjamin Zephaniah

The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly

Stupid Tales—Jon Scieszka

Useful Websites

Suitable for English and topic

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/literacy.shtml

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk>

Important Dates

Parents Evening— 26.02.18 & 27.02.18

Break Up Half Term Friday 9th February

