

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term ~ Year 5&6

Hello! A big welcome back to children and parents. As we start our new school year, please utilize this newsletter to talk to your children about what they have been learning, as well as the weekly updates on Class Dojo.

This term, our PROJECT is titled 'Rule Britannia,' which focuses on the Vikings. Parents, if you have any skills, resources or experiences that you could share with us on this topic that may aid us in our learning intentions, we would love for you to share them!

Our PROJECT lessons will cover history, geography, art, design technology as well as link heavily with our English learning. The children will learn about: Viking artefacts and how they tell us about the way Vikings lived, research significant figures and events in this period, what it was like living in Viking times, the reasons the Vikings left their homes and Viking invasions and settlements. They will also design and make a Viking longboat and develop their skills in cross-stitch.

In mathematics, we will be going 'back to basics', in particular we will be focusing on place value and the four operations of calculation. Once the four operations are embedded, we will then explore fractions, where we will add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. Knowledge of multiplication facts is crucial for children to be able to progress well in later units, so please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars and Prodigy regularly to maintain their skills.

In English and guided reading, we will be focusing on our class text, Viking Boy by Tony Bradman. It follows the story of Gunnar, a young boy, whose village is raided. He then swears an oath of vengeance against his enemy – but first he must save himself. We'll build up our writing skills by writing short narratives, diary entries, poetry and letters. At home, encourage your children to write stories or draw comics to help embed what they learn at school.

In science, we will focus on animals including humans, thinking about habitats as well as evolution and inheritance, where we will explore how we have evolved and what characteristics we have inherited.

'Being in my world' is the focus of our PSHE sessions, which will focus on how to face challenges positively, understanding rights and responsibilities and know how behaviour can affect a group and the associated consequences.

In PE, the children will undertake various activities, led by Premier Education, to build up stamina and strength as well as playing as part of a team.

In music, the children will explore duration and timbre. Christianity will be the focus of R.E, where children will learn about holy symbols, places of worship and what it means to be a Christian.

Kind regards, Mr. J Anderson & Mrs. M Higginson

Reminder:

- Please continue to engage with Class Dojo to keep up to date on what is happening in school and in class.
- Please ensure that your children are reading regularly at home and encourage them to challenge themselves with different texts.
 - Reading records will be reviewed every Tuesday, but please ensure your child brings it with them every day.
- Please encourage children to interact with TT Rockstars and Prodigy to maintain fluency in mathematics. Read Theory is also encouraged during 'device time'

Messages:

P.E will take place on Thursday - please **do not** bring P.E kits in to leave in school.

Children are to attend school in their P.E kit, which will be worn all day and needs to reflect the weather conditions of the day. As we approach the autumn and winter months, please take this into consideration and dress them in warmer clothes.

Please refer to the school PE kit uniform and note that hoodies are for PE days only.