

Year 6 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Literacy

In literacy, we will be first looking at biographies as pupils will be writing about the life of fictional Vikings linked to our topic book - Viking Boy by Tony Bradman. They will be producing their own life story about a made up Viking and their adventures. After this, we will be writing an exciting narrative based on the Terry Gilliam book and film - 'Erik the Viking'. Pupils will be writing their own adventure for Erik and his crew to tackle as they go on a quest to find the land where the sun goes at night.

Maths

In class, we will be starting work on place value and written methods.

Pupils will be recapping the topics of place value, rounding, negative numbers and consolidating their use of written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

TT Rockstars will be available to access at home and will be a great benefit to pupils' fluency with times tables being key to many aspects of maths in year 6.

Science

We are studying light in the final week of the half-term.

Pupils will be learning about light sources; how light travels; colours; and how the human eye sees. In conjunction with this, we will be making periscopes.

Homework

Pupils will be set homework each week and will have until the next Monday to complete the task so that we can go through it in class. All homework set will reflect the work we have already done in lessons. Please ensure that your child completes and brings this back in as it will have a positive impact upon their learning.

P.E

One of the P.E topics will be hockey and volleyball. P.E will be on Wednesday afternoon for all classes. PE will be on Friday mornings for 6 Blue. P.E will be on Thursday mornings for 6 Red. P.E will be on Tuesday mornings for 6 Green. Please ensure that your child brings their kit and has the correct sports' clothing for activities. Pupils without suitable PE kit will not be able to take part on health and safety grounds.

Viking Visitor

As part of our topic, we will be having a visit from a 'Viking', which will allow pupils the chance to consolidate their learning through a range of activities. More information will follow.

P.S.H.E

This term our JIGSAW topic is 'New Beginnings.' In it pupils will examine what a new beginning is and how they can best use their start in Year 6 to succeed.

Whole Class Reading

This term the three classes will be reading:
6 Blue - Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman.
6 Red - The Outlaw Varjak Paw by S.F Said.
6 Green - Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz.

Topic

This term the class will be continuing their study of the Vikings. They will be developing historical knowledge about the Vikings through a class based text called 'Viking Boy'. Additionally, they will complete tasks linked to the book as they explore what life was like for a Viking in Britain. They will learn about the ancient Saxon kings who fought back against the invaders and compare both societies amount of democracy against our own modern version. For more information on the Vikings and Saxons, go to:
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>

For any other queries please feel free to come and speak to teachers after school.

Kind regards
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