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CLASS 6 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everybody has had a good Christmas and New Year. The children have settled into their learning very quickly and the term is already in full swing!

We will start off this term by exploring the topic 'Who were the Vikings?'. Our topic will be explored through many different curriculum areas, allowing children to gain an in-depth understanding of this period in history. This newsletter aims to give you an insight into broadly what will be covered in different subject areas, but please do let me know if you require any further information.

English

In English we will begin by studying the life of the famous Viking Eric the Red. We will be using the story of his life to produce a biography, persuasive writing and information writing. We will be exploring what life was like in the Viking times and how they survived in cold climates. Children will have a wide range of opportunities to apply their grammar and punctuation skills to extended writing.

In addition to this, we will continue to focus on spelling, grammar and punctuation. Particular focuses this term will include recognising different tenses, using a wider range of punctuation and proof-reading. Last term it was fantastic to see that children had been making a real effort with learning words from the Y5/6 spelling list. Please can this continue to be a priority as it is really making a difference! I plan to test children on words from this list every few weeks by choosing twenty-five words at random (I will let them know beforehand). I will also be asking children to revisit words we have already focused on. Any support you can give at home with this is greatly appreciated as spellings are such an important part of the children's learning. Every little helps!

Maths

In Maths we will continue to cover Y6 objectives, building in a wide range of opportunities for children to embed and develop their skills. As before, children will have lots of chances to practise their arithmetic skills. The main areas of the arithmetic paper include the following:

adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers; multiplying with fractions; dividing a whole number by a fraction; finding a percentage and a fraction of a quantity; adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing including using decimals; long multiplication and long division. Please let me know if you would like any further information on how these methods are taught at school.

History and Geography

We will be exploring the Vikings and Greenland.

Science

Our topics this term will be classification and evolution and the human body.

Art and Design

Children will have the chance to design and make a Viking shield and create a modified Viking recipe.

RE

This term Class 6's RE themes are the Incarnation and Islam.

Computing

In Computing, children will be exploring and creating a variety of spreadsheets using Excel.

Music

In music we will be looking at Viking music and creating our own compositions.

French

French will be taken by Mrs Bowles. Children will continue to develop their spoken and written skills.

PSHE/SRE

All children will be completing the DARE scheme. This will be taught by a specialist DARE officer. There will be the opportunity to watch the children graduate when they have completed this program. Look out for a letter regarding this in the near future! Our SRE topic this term will be reproduction.

PE:

On Mondays children will have hockey with Mr Turner. Please ensure that children have warm kit in school as these lessons will take place outdoors. On Fridays, I am taking the children for gymnastics.

Homework will continue to be given out and marked on a Friday. Please can children ensure that they always bring their green spelling journals and homework folder into school on this day. This term, DARE homework will also be given each Tuesday and children should bring this back the following Tuesday.

I hope this letter has been helpful and informative. I understand that in the run-up to SATs, many of you may have questions, so please do let me know if there is anything you would like me to explain to you or go through with you in more detail face-to-face! I am more than happy to help in whatever way I can.

Thank you for your support,

Kind regards,

Miss N Hislop