

The Vikings are coming...

Happy new year to you all. I hope you have had a great start to 2019.. It's a 6 week term and in that time we have lots of new things to learn. Our main topic is the Vikings; how they lived, their Viking gods, where they invaded, when they invaded, including their impact on Britain. We'll be linking all of our Literacy to our topic and we'll even have some Viking maths activities too.

To find a break down of the topics covered please see overleaf. On a final note from me, if you have any queries or concerns throughout this half term please do not hesitate in coming to see me. After school is always best if you would like to talk in depth.

Miss Hall

PE

Is still on Mondays and Thursdays – Please ensure correct kit is at school for these days. Clearly labelled please!

Water Bottles

A water bottle in school is encouraged as it keeps the brain working better. Please make sure it is only water in the bottles though!

Homework

Spellings – Weekly – to be tested on a Thursday.

Maths /English– Weekly – usually in a worksheet format.

Reading – It is expected that children should be reading most nights.

Topic – Termly – project based.

Additional Information

The new curriculum states that by the end of year four, children should be able to recall and use multiplication facts as below...

Year 2 – 2s, 5s and 10s

Year 3 – as above and 3s, 4s, 8s

Year 4 – as above and 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s, 12s (**which means all tables!**)

It is vital that children practise their tables as often as they can. Much of the higher level maths that we are now doing relies on a quick retrieval of these facts. In addition, there are many games to play on numerous websites such as **Topmarks** which can be used to reinforce and practise them.

Spring Term 1

The Vikings

Literacy – Explanation Texts, Setting Description, Diary, Instruction

Numeracy – Addition and Subtraction (*A7,S10), Division (*D5 D6), Fractions, Word Problems.

History – Viking Invasion of England

Geography – Vikings – where were they from

Design Technology – A Viking Feast

Science – Electricity

Computing – Emails

RE – Why are these words special (Sikhism)

Music – Performance (Viking songs)

PE – Dance and Gymnastics

* The Letter and numbers refer to the method being taught from Lacewood Visual Calculation Policy (VCP). You can view a copy of the VCP on the new school website.

Purple Mash is a great way to encourage children to continue their learning at home. It has some fun games and apps to help the children practise the skills they completed at home. All children have their own unique username and pin. If you have misplaced this please let me know and I can ensure a new pin is given.



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