

# Year 5 Newsletter

## Spring 2- VICIOUS VIKINGS

For this half term we will be continuing with our fantastic Vikings topic. We will be researching Viking invasions and settlements and their lifestyle and culture!

### Literacy

Our main literacy theme will be story writing. We will be using Talk for writing to inspire creative and imaginative stories with rich description. We will research and write Viking sagas.

### History

We will be learning about:

- The Viking struggle for the Kingdom of England
- Viking raids and invasions,
- Resistance by Alfred the Great
- Viking gods and belief in the afterlife.

### Geography:

We will be naming and locating European countries. We will also name and locate cities and counties in the UK. We will study physical characteristics of the UK, including topographical features and their uses for defensive purposes in Viking times. We will be using atlases, globes and maps to develop our geographical skills.

### Maths

#### Maths Themes

This half term we will be covering:

- Number and place value
- Mental and written addition and subtraction
- Problem solving and algebra
- Written multiplication and division
- Fractions, ratio and proportion
- Geometry: Properties of shapes and measure

### Science

We will be continuing to learn about forces, with a focus on air and water resistance and mechanical devices. The children will further develop their understanding of measuring forces and writing up scientific experiments.

## Art

We will be exploring aspects of Viking culture including: jewellery, artefacts, and shields. We will be utilising a variety of media and techniques, including pencil drawing and DT.

## P.E

We will have one outdoor PE sessions on a Friday and swimming lessons on a Tuesday. We will be learning how to play netball, building our skills and practising them in small game situations. The children will need a full PE kit every week and tape must be brought in to cover earrings.

MUSIC - we will be learning songs for the Year 5 Music Festival.

RE and PSHCE - will be taught by Mrs Munday and Mrs Key Barry

## Key dates this term:

23<sup>rd</sup> February Year 5 assembly  
1<sup>st</sup> March World book day  
6<sup>th</sup> March Swimming begins  
14<sup>th</sup> March Spring music concert

## Home Learning:

Part of home learning is the expectation that the children will read at least three times a week and will discuss what they are reading with an adult. They must bring their reading records in on a Thursday to be checked by their teacher.

The children will be set a My Maths task that will be set on a Thursday and due in the following Thursday.

We expect the children to spend time every week learning their tables with a view to knowing all of them to 12x by the end of the year.

In a three weekly cycle the children will be set an extra piece of writing, GPS and maths. They will have one week to complete each piece.

There will also be a homework grid. This is optional.

We have been delighted with your children's efforts with home learning so far!