

# Vicious Vikings - year 5 Autumn 1 /2017



Welcome back to the new school year. We have had a fantastic first week back at school. The children have quickly settled into the routines and procedures of being back at school. All pupils have shown a positive attitude towards their own learning and being independent with their own belongings and we look forward to learning about Viking's through our Topic. We have already started to explore, research and discuss the many aspects of our diverse and enriched curriculum.

## English

This term we will explore story structures using a story from another culture 'Dragon Slayer' which is set in China. It provides a very exciting model for children to explore using pace and suspense to add excitement to their narratives as we discover the obstacles that a main character has to overcome. In Reading lessons, they will understand how a character's own self -image can differ from the perception of other characters and the reader. Grammar focus will include first person and writing in different tenses as well as adverbs and adverbials of time to create pace and drama.

## Mathematics

In Maths children will continue to develop written and mental strategies and putting these into contexts through word problems. They will use all four operations to round, order and compare numbers. They will look at factors, multiples and number facts.



## History and Geography

Children will use Atlases and map the route that Vikings sailed from Scandinavian countries to the UK. They will research the Vikings and discover who they were! Children will uncover Viking culture; home life, education, clothing, food and religion. They will compare the life of Vikings to their own and discuss the impact of Vikings. Children will create a Viking timeline and analyse reasons for Vikings attacking monasteries and creating settlements.

## READING >>>

- Continue to read a range of books for 20-30 minutes at least 4 times per week.
- Revise weekly spellings – to be tested on a Friday.

## Forthcoming events:

1. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the Teacher morning
2. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Viking Day – Pupils will dress up and experience life as a Viking with the Portals to the Past Company. Cost is £7 per pupil.
3. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Homework is due
4. May 2018 – 3-day residential trip to Lincolnsfields WW2. More details to follow.

## CPSHE – New beginnings

Children will work on developing techniques to build their self-esteem, understanding the concept of goal setting and focus on a fresh new start. They will have circle time to grow and develop their listening and speaking skills.

PE kits (indoor and outdoor kits) should be in school all week. Indoor and outdoor PE lessons will focus on Fitness activities, dance and team sports.

### RE

Children will learn about Sikhism, focusing on key beliefs and develop an understanding of how Sikhs practice their religion. They will discuss the impact of religions.

### ICT:

#### *We are Bloggers*

Children will use blogging programs to create and develop their own blog, whilst learning how to stay safe online.

### Art / Design and Technology

Children will use recycled materials and create Viking Longboats.

Design and Technology request- please send in 2 clean, empty water bottles for our longboats. They must be smaller than a 1L bottle by the 15/9.



We believe that this is our school, let peace dwell here, let the room be full of contentment, let love abide here, love of one another, love of man-kind, love of life itself. Let us remember as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school.

From Miss C Utley & Mrs H Sandhu