

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2021



ENGAGE
INSPIRE
EMPOWER

Our topic this half term is:

Rule Britannia

In this unit the children will:

- Use and understand different types of sources
- Use atlases and mapping technology to investigate where the Vikings came from and then settled, thinking deeply about why they made these choices.
- Explore the Viking way of life including their clothing, homes and justice system.



Homework:

This term's **POWER Project** is on our class page and the Google Classroom page. Children know they should be choosing two to three of the tasks to complete independently over the half term.

Spellings

Weekly spellings will be published on our Google Classroom page for you to rehearse at home, as well as having a physical copy being sent home. Our spelling test will take place in class on Mondays.

Reading & Writing Journals

By now, all the children should be in the routine of completing a page for both their reading and writing journal every week. This can be done with in their purple journals or online on the Google Classroom page.

Important Dates

8th – 12th November 2021: Shakespeare Workshop

Friday 19th November 2021: Children in Need day

Thursday 9th December 2021: POWER Projects due

Friday 17th December 2021: Last day of term,
2.30pm finish

Monday 4th January 2022: INSET Day – no children

Wednesday 5th January 2022: Spring 1 begins

If you have any questions or queries, please contact me on my school email:

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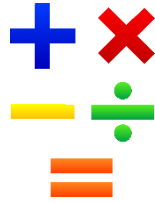
We can arrange a phone call or in person meeting if needed through this!

The Year 6 Team:

Gemma, Andrew, Chelsea – Oak

Peter, Faateemah – Chestnut

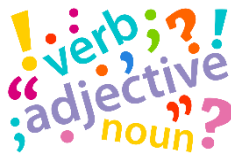
Maths



Year 6 mathematicians will:

- Compare and order fractions
- Use common factors to simplify fractions
- Recall and use equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages, including different contexts
- Draw 2D shapes using given dimensions and angles.
- Calculate, estimate and compare volume of cubes and cuboids using standard units, including cm³ and m³, and extending to other units such as mm³ and km³.

English



Year 6 authors will:

- Work with William Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*. They will spend a week working with Anthony Glenn to prepare a performance which will take place on Thursday 12th November.
- Write their own Viking myths and legends.
- Continue to work on the structure of their writing for different genres and contexts.
- Use other tenses, including the perfect tense.
- Use more complex punctuation including hyphens and dashes.

PE



Year 6 athletes will:

We are fortunate to be continuing our PE lesson with Nathan from Leyton Orient. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their full PE kit in school every Monday.

Topic



Year 6 investigators will:

History

- Describe what happened at Lindisfarne.
- Explore the qualities of a Viking Sailor.
- Examine what historical evidence has been left behind.
- Imagine experiences of different time periods.
- Explore the justice system of Viking times.
- Inspect the Viking alphabet
- Take part in a Viking Day!

Art and DT

- Design their own longboat
- Create their own section of the Bayeux Tapestry
- Create some typical Viking meals.

Computing

Focus on coding and programming. We will be using Busy Code to create simple programs such as countdown timers and basic games. We will also work on debugging programs which go wrong.

RE

Explore the topic *Sacred Places*. Through this unit, pupils will learn how religion allows people to have places that are special to them for different reasons.

Science



Year 6 scientists will:

Learn about Evolution and Inheritance.

- Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind.
- Use the ideas of inherited characteristics, variation between offspring and adaptation to their environment to describe how living things may have changed over time and evolved.
- Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment.