

# Year 5 News

## February 2022



### The Vikings

Our new theme for this half term is the Vikings and follows on from our work on the Anglo-Saxons. We shall be looking at the following: where the Vikings came from;



the Lindisfarne attacks; what life was like in a Viking settlement; and the legacy left by the Vikings in Britain.

### Viking Day!

At the end of this half term we are planning a Viking Day where the children will make a Viking Longship.



**Pupils will need a cereal box**, so please save a box next time you have an empty one!

### History Van Visit

To link our Anglo-Saxon and Viking themes and provide the children with an exciting, immersive and interactive day we have booked the History Van for a day of activities in school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March—more details to follow soon.

### Science



In addition to our ongoing work on the properties of materials, we will be linking our learning closely to the Vikings and conducting a variety of exciting Viking science investigations!

Within this work, we will be investigating reversible and irreversible changes and the processes involved.

### English

Our Viking theme will also provide the stimulus for much of the English work this half term.

We will study the epic poem Beowulf and will be incorporating work on writing newspaper reports, non-chronological reports and diary writing.



### Maths

This half term we will continue to further develop the children's understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and show the relationships between them.



We will also encourage the children to develop mathematical thinking through investigations and challenges.

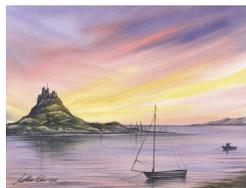
Through our arithmetic sessions we will also be regularly returning to our learning from earlier in the year on the written methods of calculation.



Please also continue to encourage your child to use Times Table Rock Stars to increase the recall speed of their times tables.

### Art

This half term our art focus will be using watercolours. We will be studying and applying a variety of watercolour techniques and skills to produce an atmospheric piece of artwork based on our Viking theme.



### Home Learning

We will continue to use Google Classroom to send home weekly



maths and English home learning on a Friday, to be completed by the following Friday.

### PE

PE days for Year 5 are **Monday** and **Friday**. This half term our PE will be racket sports, focusing on badminton and tennis.



Children should come dressed in their PE kit on their PE days (white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings/joggers and a sweater together with trainers/plimsolls). During lessons they will need to remove all jewellery. If your child is unable to do PE, they must present a note explaining why they are exempt.

The catch-up swimming sessions will continue on a Monday afternoon until early in the summer term.

### Reading

Our daily Reciprocal Reading sessions will continue to cover a range of genres to develop reading fluency and comprehension.



This half term we will also be launching a new reading scheme. In Year 5, **Wednesday** will be our day to monitor reading records.

Please help improve your child's reading skills by reading regularly with and/or to them and encourage them to complete their Reading Record and **return it to school every Wednesday**.