




English	Maths	Theme <u>VICIOUS VIKINGS</u>	Other Subjects	What you can do to help your child this half-term
<p>This term we will be focusing mainly on non-fiction texts. We will be learning how to structure an argument and debate an idea. We will also be looking at range of journalistic writing, including newspaper reports, TV and radio broadcasts. The children will have the opportunity to write and present these types of texts. Furthermore the children will be looking at texts which link to our topic, reading Beowulf and a range of Viking Sagas. In addition to their reading and writing it is really important that the children continue to practice their SPaG in preparation for the SATs tests in May.</p>	<p>In maths the children will continue to develop a broad range of skills across the curriculum, focusing on number work, data handling and shape/space/measure. They will continue to practice their mental maths skills, as this is an essential part of their calculation strategies. The children's problem solving skills will also continue to be developed this term. The children will have many opportunities to apply their mathematical skills across other subjects when we come to measure and make Viking Longboats and when we are looking at results obtained from any scientific experiments and investigations conducted.</p>	<p>Within this theme we will be covering the following subjects: History - We will begin to look at who the Vikings are, where they came from and why they arrived and settled here. We will then develop this by looking at aspects of Viking life such as their crafts, work and traditions. Geography- Map skills will be utilised when looking at the ways Viking's travelled. We will then focus on the way in which the land was utilised by the Vikings - looking at some key geographical similarities and differences between city and country life. Art- We will take our inspiration from Viking art, looking at jewellery, runes and coins. We will also design our own Warheads to go on Longboat models. DT- Looking at how traditional Viking buildings were built. Design and make a longboat model. Music- We will be looking at how music can show a journey. Scientific Enquiry- Testing materials.</p>	<p>Science Core - Science this term will be focused on materials. We will look at their properties and test them against a range of criteria. We will then move on to looking at reversible and irreversible changes. ICT Skills - The children will be continuing work from the previous term looking at developing apps. There will be lots of focus on team work, management and collaboration. PE - The children will be taught dance and gym units in PE this term. RE - We will look in detail and Hinduism and Buddhism this term, concentrating on sacred places. MFL - French. SMSC- The children will have the opportunity to draw on and share their own traditions, customs, beliefs and experiences across the curriculum.</p>	<p>Continue to hear your child read regularly. Work with them on times tables and mental arithmetic. Encourage them to complete homework fully. The homework set will relate to the content of the week's lessons. As SATs approach, the children may be asked to complete more work from the revision guides they were given depending on what THEY feel they need to practice, as this will differ from child to child.</p> 

Advance - Trip Notification Details
 A Viking Experience Day will be arranged for the second half term. A letter detailing this will be handed out closer to the date.

Homework/Spellings
 All homework and spellings are set throughout the school on a Friday and is due on Tuesday as per last term.

PE Days
 PE this half-term will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that they have their full kits available in school.

Please also check letters for details regarding the residential and SATs later on in the term.

As always, if anyone has any questions or queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.
 Likewise if any parents feel they have an expertise knowledge or particular interest in any aspect of what we are covering we would love to hear from you.
 Signed: MR LOLE