

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Our topic this term is...

Invaders

Topic

This half-term, we will be learning about the Vikings. We will consider the reasons why they raided and then settled in Britain. We will investigate primary sources of evidence, such as accounts by monks of the raid on Lindisfarne, as well as archaeological finds, to find out whether the Vikings really were ruthless raiders! We will also find out about King Alfred's struggle and victory over the Vikings. We will be looking at and recreating some Viking art!

Maths

We will be multiplying and dividing using several different methods. We will develop reasoning and problem solving skills while interpreting remainders. Then, we will move on to learning about fractions. We will find equivalent fractions and learn how to add and subtract fractions by finding a common denominator.

This half term, please focus on the 6, 7 and 8 times tables. Children can practise their tables on Times Table Rock Stars!



PE

On Wednesdays, we will be going swimming. Children should come to school in their PE kits and bring their swim-wear and a towel. We will also be doing PE on Fridays when we will be doing Dance.

English

In English, we will be writing instructions for 'How to make a Viking shield'. We will be reading about Thor's journey to the land of the Giants in Norse Mythology before writing our own mythical stories. We will then be writing a recount of a Viking raid from the perspective of a villager who is under attack!

Please encourage your children to continue to read at home and listen to them reading regularly. Weekly spellings will be uploaded to Google Classrooms every Monday and we will have spelling tests for these on Fridays.

Science

Our topic for Science is Out of this World! Starting with the Solar System, we will look at how our ideas about space have changed over time before exploring what causes us to experience night and day on Earth.

Homework

Our 'Homework Menu' will be uploaded to Google Classroom. This will include a range of suggested tasks that will enhance and develop learning linked with their Vikings topic. Children can choose to complete selected tasks from the list of suggestions. Tasks will be assigned 1, 3 or 5 points. There is no expectation that all tasks be completed but children should aim for a minimum of 20 points across the half term.

Thank you for your continued support! We certainly have an exciting half term ahead of us with our residential to Peat Rigg just around the corner! Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Miss Baker