

# Year 6 Class Newsletter

Spring term one – The Vikings are coming

Here is an update on the curriculum for Year 6 during this term:

## Historians –

Children are to explore the arrival of the Vikings. They will understand that they came from the area of the modern Scandinavian countries (Denmark, Norway and Sweden) and arrived in stages to different locations in Britain. Children will use their geographical skills to identify these locations on maps. Additionally, the children will also be learning about famous monarchs of this era: King Athelstan and King Alfred the Great. Furthermore, the children will also explore aspects of Viking life including religion and Gods, houses and food, rhyme and writing and art and craft.

## Geographers –

Children will build on their historical understanding of the timeline of the Viking raids by focusing on their individual settlements in further geographical detail. Children will explore Lindisfarne in Northumbria, Scotland, York and Wessex – identifying types of settlement and land use in these locations.

## Design Technicians

The children are going to be researching the clothing and jewellery worn by the Vikings. There will be a particular focus on footwear. The children will be making their own Viking slipper. First, they will make a paper prototype, and then, they will learn an appropriate stitch (blanket stitch) for making their Viking slipper by sewing together felt pieces.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that it is Spring term 1 already! This year is going by so fast. I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break. Now, that we have returned to school, we are about to embark on another exciting term. I am very excited that our topic for Year 6 for the Spring term is the Vikings. Also at the end of this term is ofcourse Hilltop for those children who are going!

This newsletter will inform you of our curriculum for this term and also on the academic achievement of your children so far during this school year.

Mrs Porter

## Viking Day Workshop

As a reminder, we will be holding a Viking WOW day on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January to enhance the children's learning. This will be held in school with an outside company coming in to conduct the workshop. We do hope that this workshop will further engage the children with their learning.

## Assessments

The children have previously undertaken the 2016 SATS in Autumn term one as a practice. During Autumn term two (the last half-term), the children have now completed the 2017 SATS to allow us to see how they are progressing. As with the 2016 SATS, a standardised score of 100 meets the age related expectation. A score of 110 or above shows that your child has achieved above age related expectation

Please bear in mind that your children should be age related at the **end of the academic year**, and therefore, it is not a concern to not be there now.

Your child's results can be found below:

**Maths:**

**SPAG:**

**Reading:**

**Writing:**