

## Year 5 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

### Must bring to school:

- Literacy folder
- Reading Record (please read with children and sign)
- Reading book
- School bag
- PE Kit (Tuesday / Thursday)

### Topic

Our topic is

Valiant Vikings

Traits are curiosity, honesty, kindness, communication, respect, creativity, gratefulness and appreciation

### Viking Day

Year 5 will have an exciting Topic day on November 20th. We will get creative to dress as Vikings and build our own Longships.

### Important dates

12th and 14th November—  
Parents meetings

13th November—Children photos

20th November—Viking  
Day

18th December—Christmas  
Jumper Day

Please continue to check dojo Class Story for any updates or messages. Feel free to message your child's class teacher on Class Dojo with any questions or concerns  
(Courtney—Albert and Lucia—Battersea)

### Homework

- Reading—At least three times a week. Three comments in the Reading Record including at least one from an adult.
- Times table Rock stars
- Spellzone

## Personal, Social, Character Development

We will be covering many traits during this term. They include: curiosity, honesty, kindness, communication, zest, creativity, gratefulness and appreciation. We will explore these traits through circle times and assemblies. We began the term showing curiosity and look forward to using all traits in STEAM week.

## History, Geography & Social Understanding

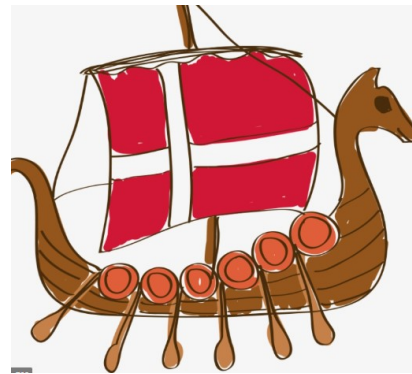
History will be a major focus this term. Children will be learning about the Viking era; including their settlements, battles, weapons, their influence on Britain and the lifestyle lead by the Vikings.

## Science and Technological Understanding

At the end of term, we will participate in STEAM week, where we will explore curiosity through investigations. This is a great opportunity to children to enhance their scientific knowledge and skills. Our focus for Science this term will be on materials and forces. We will be using these skills to build our own Viking ship that is waterproof and won't sink.

## Understanding the Arts

As part of our Viking Topic, we will be designing Viking longboats. We will emphasise the planning and design phase before selecting appropriate materials and building the longboats.



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## Computing

This term we will be focusing on video production. This unit focuses on the skills associated with planning, recording, editing, and creating a video. Children will be able to explain that video is the recording, reproducing, or broadcasting of moving visual images.

## Understanding English, Communication & Language

For this term we will be looking at a range of genres of writing. We started off with settings descriptions and will transition to non-fiction writing (explanation text) as we build up to our final piece of writing: Viking portal story. We will be reading the novel The Saga of Erik the Viking by Terry Jones.

## Mathematical Understanding

### Measures

This term we will be focusing on areas of measure to build our Viking ship. This will include area, scaling, converting and estimating capacity.

### Number and Calculation

We will begin with division & multiplication methods. We will quickly move onto looking at fractions. In the final weeks, consolidating all of our learning across the entire Autumn term.

## Understanding Physical Health

The term we will be focusing on **Rugby, Netball and Dance**. The activities will ensure that children are both challenged and encouraged to participate at a level that best suits them.