

UKS2 Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2021

The Year 5/6 team this year are...

Class Teachers:

Miss Athwal
Mrs Barnes
Mr Berry
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Miss Prothero

Class Assistants:

Mrs Benham
Mr Cook
Mr Hill
Mrs Real-Lage

Sports Coach:

Mr Deverall

Welcome Back!

Last term, was action packed with our enjoyable topic 'Beast Creator' and the children threw themselves into learning about creepy crawlies. A particular highlight was our book 'Beetle Boy'. The children were hooked throughout and a number of children have continued to read the next book in the series, 'Beetle Queen'.



Another highlight, was Shakespeare's festival assembly on Harvest Festival. The class explained what Harvest was and how countries across the world celebrate. They explained to the school how we were supporting the One Can Food Trust and on Monday 11th October we were able to deliver huge amounts of essentials to the Trust.

ONE CAN FOOD BANK + TRUST

Finally, congratulations to all the children who took part in the bike ability sessions last term. Some essential road safety skills were learnt and the children enjoyed riding their bikes around Holyport.

Key Information

PE Lessons:
Starting from next week, Dickens class will have their PE lessons on Tuesday and Wednesdays, Shakespeare's will be on Tuesday and Thursday and Morpurgo's on Tuesday and Thursday. Please help your child remember to wear their full PE kit on the days they have PE.

Snacks:
Please can children bring in a water bottle each day which can be refilled in our classrooms. Please ensure this is labelled along with any snack boxes they bring in. Snacks should be a piece of fruit or vegetable that can be eaten during their break.

Homework:
Homework will be set on a Friday and will be available on Seesaw unless your child requires a hard copy.

Homework is due in the following Wednesday.

A record will be kept of missing homework and a letter will be sent home if it is repeatedly not done. If there are any problems/ queries with the homework this should be highlighted before the hand in date.

Equipment:
Please ensure your child has a simple pencil case with a pencil, ruler, sharpener, rubber, coloured pencils and glue stick. We like to encourage children to have all the resources they will need for most lessons, getting them ready to develop independence. However, we can provide these at school as well.

And also.....
If you have anything that will support our topics please let your child's class teacher know.
Our topic is 'Raiders and Traders' - please see overleaf for more details.

Our website is the best source for all the information you need to know and it is regularly updated - so please visit our class page (under the 'Children' tab)

Communication
All class teachers are available if you have any concerns about your child or queries about how to support learning at home. Please do speak to us as a first port of call and we are happy to arrange an appointment with you.

Thank you!
Miss Athwal
Mrs Barnes
Mr Berry
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Miss Prothero

Our Value this term is:



Key Dates To Remember This Term

First Day of Term	01/11/2021
Year 6 Height & Weight Check	26/11/2021
Christmas Lunch	15/12/2021
End of Term at 2.00pm	17/12/2021
First Day of Term 2	05/01/2022

Half Termly Achievers

Buddy
Khadijah
Lewis

Well done!



This Half Term



Traders and Raiders

Big and strong, powerful and brave, the Saxons wave their battle axes and brandish their swords as they begin to invade Britain's shores.

Sail back to the Dark Ages, where battles were rife and fear reigned. Find out about the life of the Saxons, including how they lived and where they came from. Meet the bloodthirsty Vikings from Scandinavia - never before has such terror swept the land.

Are you ready to shine a light on the dangerous and deadly Dark Ages...?

English:



In English this term, our key text will be 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman. We will read the book as a class and discuss its themes. Our writing, will link to the story and we will explore a range of text types during the term, including: letters, explanation texts, recounts and play scripts. We will be teaching grammar through our writing lessons and we will be having separate spelling and reading lessons.

Mathematics:



In Mathematics, we will start the term continuing with our work on the four calculations.

We will be extending our knowledge of fractions. In this block, children will build on their previous knowledge of what a fraction is. Y5 look at using multiplication and division to find equivalent fractions whilst Y6 apply these skills to simplify fractions.

Both year groups add and subtract fractions with the same denominators that are multiples of the same number whilst Y6 move onto adding and subtracting fractions where the denominators are not multiples of the same number. Both year groups multiply fractions by integers, with Y6 then moving on to multiply a fraction by a fraction. Y6 also explore dividing fractions and draw their learning together by using any of the four operations with fractions.

Science:
We will be looking at properties and changes of materials with a focus on working scientifically. This will involve: practical experiments, making predictions using our scientific knowledge, drawing conclusions and evaluating our work.

RE:
We will be using the Understanding Christianity materials to help is answer the question "What kind of King is Jesus?" We will use songs and Bible stories to discuss this question thinking about the role of a king and how this relates to Jesus and the world he would have wanted.

Art and DT:
This term, our Art and DT will focus on Viking long ships.

We will begin the term exploring the history of long ships and look closely at a model of a long ship. We will then plan, build and evaluate our own Viking long ships.

Music:
In Music this term we will be finding out about the instruments the Vikings used. We will also be developing our singing skills and learn to sing Viking Sagas. Furthermore, we will writing our own lyrics to a Viking tune and creating a simple rhythmic accompaniment to match.

History and Geography:
In our topic lessons, we will be finding out in more detail who the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings were and will research information about their daily life. We will be developing our map work skills to identify where these traders and raiders came from and where they invaded and settled in Britain. In addition to this, we will be learning about key dates in this time period and placing them on a timeline. We will also be delving into what Viking beliefs were concerning death and the afterlife and find out why Alfred the Great is a significant historical person.

MFL:
We will be spending time recapping numbers and months to help us with learning vocabulary linked with birthdays and the seasons. We will be finishing the term learning Christmas vocabulary and songs. We will be practicing the four key skills of Modern Foreign language learning: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Computing:



Children will be spending the term learning about emails. They will be working together to create email chains and develop an understanding of the processes of writing emails, as well as develop their communication abilities using the internet safely.

PE:
This term, each class will be taking part in Team Building Skills and Dance.

Team Building skills will cover topics like map reading, problem solving and team games.

Dance will be focusing on the topic of the New Zealand War Dance 'The Haka'.



PSHE:
In PSHE, our topics this term are Anti-bullying, Prevent and Multi-cultural Britain. We will take part in a number of lessons to help us understand bullying and our multi cultural society. We will be having a specific focus during Anti-bullying week.