

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD?

There are lots of opportunities for you to help your child with their learning. You might like to help them to research their topic or support them with any projects they carry out.

Help them to keep on top of their homework diary so they know when homework is due in and to help them give their work in on time.

Even though they are upper school, it is still good to listen to them read and talk about the text together.



VIKING INVASION



UPPER SCHOOL TERM 5

English: Ready, steady, raid! We will be creating our own information books about the Vikings before we use drama to explore preparing and carrying out a Viking raid! Is your classroom safe? These experiences will be put to good use to create vivid and dramatic diaries about Viking life, including raiding other lands! Maybe you will be a Viking who settled in a new land and will need to write a letter home about your new life! Plus create your own Norse myth!

Maths: A range of topics will continue to be taught throughout the term with topics from Number, Shape, Data and Measures. We will continue to develop our mental arithmetic skills to ensure we have a range of strategies to solve problems and to continue to embed our number bonds and multiplication facts, including using inverses.

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Science: Take matters into your own hands and develop your own investigations linked to forces.

History: Explore the world of the Vikings! Carry out a raid and find out why some Vikings chose to settle in new lands. Create maps of varying scales to show the lands they explored.

DT: Get ready to set sail! Design and refine your own Viking Long Ship! Will your ship be able to reach far and distant lands to raid and explore?

ICT: Year 5 will be tackling a computing project; refining sequences and algorithms. Year 6 will return to the Cyber Café and looking at safety when using technology.

Music: Create your own Viking Saga with a powerful beat and rhythm!

RE: Does belief in Akirah (life after death) help Muslims to lead good lives? We will be learning about the ways Muslims lead good lives and how Akirah influences this.

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

Science

What makes an investigation a fair test?

How can you make your data more reliable?

What forces are used to make a Viking boat travel?

Design and Technology

What Viking Long Ship designs have you seen?

Do you think the Vikings had only one design for their boats or did they improve and refine them over time?

What enabled the Vikings to be able to travel further to explore and raid other lands?



Further Information

We will be reading Michael Morpurgo's version of 'Beowulf' to enhance our topic work.

To help with our science and D.T. work you may be asked to bring in washed and clean butter / margarine tubs, milk containers and cardboard.

Year 6 work may differ throughout the term due to their SATs timetable.

The SATs are during the week beginning Monday 8th May.