



# Autumn



## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

### Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'The Vikings'. Firstly, the children will be researching how the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain. Then, they will investigate the Anglo-Saxon runic alphabet as well as researching one of the pagan Gods. As a class, we will be solving the mystery of Sutton Hoo by analysing a range of sources as our evidence. The children will locate and explore the routes travelled by the Vikings and plot these on a map. They will also explore life in Scandinavia and compare this to life in the UK. Finally, the children will be reinforcing their learning by designing Nordic emblems, longboats and its dragonhead as well as composing a warrior chant and sea shanty song.



### English

This term, we will be using a range of texts that link to our Viking topic, helping to develop the childrens' understanding. We will begin with writing detailed descriptions of battle scenes and an account of a day in the life of a Viking out at sea. This will allow us to use lots of adventurous vocabulary and implement a range of sentence types. The children will be exploring the texts and characters though the use of drama techniques such as: freeze frames, hot-seating and thought-tracking. This will lead onto us writing our own playscripts based on the popular Viking tale, "The Sword in the Stone." When writing our own playscripts, we will be focusing on the use of stage directions, characterisation and the use of accurate punctuation.

At home you can support your child by: Regularly listening to your child read at home. Ask them a range of questions to deepen their understanding.



### Mathematics

To begin this term, the children will be developing their understanding of number and place value. Following on from this, we will then focus on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to solve problems, within a variety of different subject areas including science and computing. A big focus will be on children knowing the multiplication tables by heart as this will speed up their calculations.

At home you can support your child by:

- Encouraging your child to learn the multiplication tables by heart.
- If your child has access to a computer at home, they can log onto Mathletics, to deepen their understanding of the different concepts taught in school.



### Science

This term, the children will be beginning their new topic, 'Properties and changes of materials.' We will be investigating the properties of everyday materials and how this links to their purpose. In addition, we will be carrying out a range of investigations based on dissolving, evaporation, filtration and looking at reversible and irreversible changes. Also, we will be researching the properties of solids, liquids and gases.



### Enrichment

- Viking Visit to Danelaw, York  
Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October

### Important Dates & Information

Our swimming days will be every **Thursday for 5S** and every **Friday for 5B**. Swimming kit should include trunks or shorts for boys and a full costume for girls along with a towel. Long hair must be tied back and earrings taken out. They may bring goggles if they wish. Please name all the items and send them in an appropriate bag. Please note locker money is not required.



Mrs Smithson, Miss Bennett, Mrs Clarkson, Mrs Bickerdyke & Mrs Fox