



Head Teacher: Mrs D Reynolds - BSc Hons QTS NPQH

Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

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May 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank everyone involved in the preparation for SATs week and for the actual week itself. From parents and carers to children and staff, it was a successful week and I was thoroughly impressed with how positive, calm and enthusiastic all Year 6 pupils were.

Next term we will have a brand new, exciting topic called "Rule Britannia" which will be linked across our topic work focusing primarily on Science, Art, Design and Technology and Geography. The topic will also include links to other National Curriculum subjects including Dance, Music, Computing and Languages.

MAIN LEARNING THEME – 'Rule Britannia'

- Where the Vikings came from and why they chose to settle in England.
- The significant figures and key events that took place during the Viking period.
- What life was like for sailors, warriors, children and criminals.
- The legacy of the Battle of Hastings and the Bayeux Tapestry.

KEY VOCABULARY FOR LEARNING THEME:

Vikings, settle, Period of History, sailors, warriors, children, criminals, the Bayeux Tapestry, Battle of Hastings, artefacts, re-enact, significant, battle, weapons, Anglo-Saxons, longboat, costume

MATHS

The Maths objectives for next term will cover all topics and move towards the transition of Year 7. There are more practical lessons that will be taught and the preparation for Key Stage 3 will begin. The children will focus on a deeper understanding of Maths including: Problem Solving; Conceptual Maths and Reasoning Skills by justifying their working out and answer questions through discussions with others.

ENGLISH

Writing becomes my main focus in the summer term in Year 6. During Literacy, we will cover units of text types to ensure that children have a wide range of evidence and have a thorough understanding of each text type. There will be many drama and writing opportunities based around the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. We will write in role during the diary and recount unit and write as newspaper journalists covering the key events of Lindisfarne. I expect children to continue their hard work towards improving their writing and will continue collecting evidence towards my teacher assessment.

PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT –Events and assemblies

The children will be learning about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, including battles and ways of life. We hope to share with you our learning in the classroom and hopefully share also a battle re-enactment. More details to follow.

The Country Dancing Festival is always popular in Year 6, with the grand finale of the Maypole dances. Year 6 look forward to parents attending and it is a great chance to showcase our Maypole Dance skills!

In the final week of term, we will also be sharing with you our "Leavers Assembly" and share the best – and comical – memories of the past 7 years. More details of time and date will follow. We hope you will be able to attend this final assembly as there is often not a dry eye in the house!



HOME LEARNING

Your child will receive a half termly Home Learning Project entitled 'The Vikings' and '1066'. This is not a compulsory project however it will be beneficial to the learning in class if your child could complete some of the ideas under the headings.

I will continue to set Maths and English key skills. Homework will be given out on a Wednesday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to independently be responsible for their homework as this will be the expectation of secondary school. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break time. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

PE

Children will continue to partake in two hours of PE each week and some weeks more when the weather is better as we work towards Sports Day and Year 6 house tournaments.

The children have requested we compete in more tournaments and hopefully the weather will allow this. Please remind your child that they should bring their PE kit into school on a Monday, **leave it in school all week** then take it home to be washed on a Friday.

Can we remind you that school rules state that for the safety of your child, earrings need to be removed for PE (which needs to be done independently) or plasters (provided by home) need to cover the earrings. Children with long hair will also be asked to ensure that it is tied back.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either myself or a member of the year 6 team at the start of the school day or by making an appointment via the school office. We look forward to continue working in partnership with you to ensure that your child makes progress and has an enjoyable learning experience.

There will be many exciting and new learning opportunities in this final half term and the preparation for transition to Secondary school is always an exciting one.

I know we are all excited about the final Summer Term and the Year 6 children leaving Norwood with many fond memories.

Yours sincerely

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