

## **Welcome to Year 6**

We hope you have had a fabulous holiday and are ready for an action packed year!

The focus of this term will be history. For this we will be studying the Vikings whilst also linking our English, music, computing, art and D.T. curriculum areas to this theme. Our class text for this term is 'Riddle of the Runes'.

To see a snapshot of what is happening in Year 6, make sure you sign up to class dojo as we will share regular snippets of information here.

We are looking forward to working with you and would like to thank you in advance for your support during this exciting yet very busy last year of school.

Mrs Doe, Miss Aspey and Mrs Furnidge

### **English**

This term, we will be writing our own stories about a Viking find. We will develop our descriptive language by describing the voyage across the sea and through the improvement of setting descriptions. Later, we will be writing diary entries recounting the events of Lindisfarne from two different perspectives. During the second half term, we will be focusing on non-chronological reports by exploring the key aspects of Viking life.

As part of our grammar work we will be revisiting word classes, exploring different tense forms and some of the spelling rules linked to this.

### **PE**

The children will have a games session on Monday afternoon and will take part in Indoor PE on a Wednesday. Indoor PE sessions for the first half term will focus on gymnastics and then in the second half term we will focus on fitness.

### **Maths**

During this half term, we will look at place value to 10 million, the 4 operations and negative numbers. We will be looking at different problems and how to solve these. The children will also do a weekly arithmetic test which they will bring home so that you can see their progress.

### **Creative Curriculum**

As part of our exciting creative curriculum, we are going to be visited by 'Eric the Viking'! Information was sent via Parent Mail before the end of the last academic year. We will have a strong focus on developing our enquiry skills and will be finding out exactly who the Vikings were and their impact on the country. The Vikings will provide inspiration for our seascapes in art and within our writing.



## **Raid, Invade and Stay!**

### **Homework**

During this half term, the children will complete grammar and maths homework using CGP books. They will also receive weekly reading tasks and spelling rules. We also ask that the children continue to learn their times tables and the KS2 Common Exception Words.

### **Science**

Our topic for science is Evolution and Adaptation. As part of this topic, we will be looking at how things change over time and how fossils tell us about the past. We will also recognise that offspring normally vary and are not identical to their parents. Later in the term, we will explore how animals adapt to suit their environment.

### **R.E.**

We will be answering the question, 'How does religion help when times are hard?'

### **Computing**

The children will develop their coding skills, by using Purple Mash and ultimately Scratch to create a three levelled Viking themed computer game.

### **D.T.**

As part of our Viking topic we will be designing, making and evaluating bread.

If your child has any allergies then please let us know ASAP.

### **Music**

The children will recreate the story of Lindisfarne through the media of sound by creating compositions.

We will also listen to a range of music and explore the elements within them. We will have the opportunity to learn some songs around the topic of the Vikings.

### **PSHE**

This half term, we will be focusing on developing relationships. We will be looking at how to respect ourselves and others whilst also looking at friends and families (including civil partnerships and marriages).