



# Year 3/4 Newsletter

## Summer Term 1



### The Year 3/4 Teaching Team

#### Class 5



Mr Gamble  
(Phase Leader)



Miss Evans



Miss Smith



Miss Bennett

#### Class 6



Mr Jennings

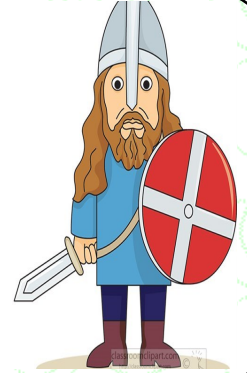
#### Class 7



Miss Boyd



Mrs Horsley



### English

Our English work will be linked to our new topic—The Vikings. First, we will be using the graphic novel Vikings: Scandinavia's Ferocious Sea Raiders to learn about where the Vikings came from and their early raids which includes the first Viking raid on the UK at Lindisfarne. We will then write a recount of this important historical event. After that, we'll be using the book How To Live Like A Viking Warrior by Anita Ganeri to write our own historical narrative based on a fictional Viking raid.

### Maths

Over the coming weeks, Year 3 pupils will finish learning fractions which includes unit and non – unit fractions, learning to order and compare them as well as finding equivalent fractions. Then pupils will learn how to tell the time to the nearest minute using analogue clocks. Year 4 will also complete their learning on fractions and decimals. They will then apply this knowledge of decimals to money by converting pounds to pence. Finally, children will learn about both analogue and digital time.

### Reading

Please encourage your child to read their school reading book out loud to an adult at least three times a week at home, for at least 15 minutes each time.



Please support your child's understanding of the text by asking questions about what they've read.

### Topic - Vikings - History and Geography

The Vikings will take centre stage this summer in LKS2. We'll be learning about different historical interpretations of the same event and using primary and secondary sources to learn about the past. We'll also be using our geographical skills in using maps and atlases to locate countries to understand the similarities and differences between the UK and Scandinavia.

### Science

We will be learning all about electricity in science this half-term. We will be identifying common appliances that run on electricity whilst constructing simple electrical circuits, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. As part of our work, we'll be investigating whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery and learning to recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit. Finally, we will investigate some common conductors and insulators of electricity and the range of purposes they have. As part of our written investigations, we will be hypothesizing, writing methods, providing results and drawing conclusions from what we have observed.

### Computing

Our computing topic will all be about information technology. This includes researching and presenting information we've found using powerpoint and publisher. We will learn how to use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content.

### Art

Our art work will focus on the Vikings. We are learning how to weave materials in order to create money and jewellery bags in the style of the ones the Vikings carried.

### PE

We are covering net games on Mondays through learning tennis. Year 3 are also doing football on Wednesdays and developing their invasion games tactics. Swimming will continue to be on a Wednesday for Year 4 pupils.

### MFL - French

Pupils will be learning about aspects of French culture, grammar and engaging in conversations which develop their speaking and listening skills through the topic 'Our School.'

### PSHE

**Year 3:** Health and Wellbeing—Being healthy: eating well, dental care. Our key question will be 'Why should we eat well and look after our teeth?'

**Year 4:** Living in the Wider World—Caring for others; the environment; people and animals; shared responsibilities, making choices and decisions. Our key question is 'How can our choices make a difference to others and the environment?'

### RE

We will be learning about Judaism and Christianity and making links between them.

### Forest School

We will be learning how to use appropriate tools safely for a variety of purposes.

### Music

Singing will be linked to Vikings, focusing on singing rounds and parts.

### Important Dates...

- 19.4.22 - Training Day - school closed for pupils.
- 21.4.22 - Year 3 Viking Day at Murton Park.
- 28.4.22 - Year 4 Viking Day at Murton Park.

