



Year 5 Newsletter Spring 1 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break. For this half term our topic is Heritage and Culture. Below we have outlined what we will be covering as part of this topic, in addition to our English and Maths work. We hope that you will get involved in your children's research and contribute to our learning by discussing and supporting their schoolwork at home.

Attendance

Heron: 91.2%

Raven: 94.9%

Target: 97.5%

As readers and writers...

Our text for this half term is Tony Bradman's Viking Boy. We will be exploring the setting and character descriptions of the Viking Boy. In addition to this, we will be comparing and contrasting the Viking Boy with other historic tales. Finally, the children will be planning and publishing their own historical narrative based around the Viking Boy. We will also be reading daily and completing VIPERS comprehension questions on a range of texts.

Spelling Shed will continue with focus spellings each week, linked to homework alongside grammar and punctuation. We will also be encouraging the children to be reading which can be completed through reading books or on MyON.

As mathematicians we will...

Fractions

- Compare and order fractions whose denominators are multiples of the same number.
- Identify, name and write equivalent fractions of a given fraction, represented visually including tenths and hundredths.
- Recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions and convert from one form to the other and write mathematical statements >1 as a mixed number [for example $1\frac{1}{2} = 1\frac{1}{2}$]
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and denominators that are multiples of the same number.
- Multiply proper fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers, supported by materials and diagrams.
- Read and write decimal numbers as fractions [for example $0.71 = \frac{71}{100}$]
- Solve problems involving multiplication and division, including scaling by simple fractions and problems involving simple rates.

As theologians...

Children will be learning about Sikhism:
Art and Literature.

As artist and designers...

Children will be creating drawings of Viking warriors, collages of Viking longboats and sculpting clay slabs. In DT we will be learning how to design a toy using sliders, levers, and linkages.

As historians we will...

We will be looking at the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings invasion of Britain. We will learn about how they came to Britain and the influence they had on life here. The children will also take part in a dress up day as part of our Vikings Workshop.

As musicians...

Children will learn about how the Vikings used songs to communicate information.

As scientists...

Children will be exploring how to live a 'Healthy Lifestyle'. This will include looking at what constitutes a healthy diet and the impact that exercise has on our bodies.

As computer scientists we will...

This half term we will looking at using coding to create mini loops as well as learning to understand coding functions. Children will also continue to learn about E-Safety.



Heritage and Culture

As good citizens we will look at...

Who or what influences us and how to respond to dares. Children will also be exploring how to be patient and compassionate.

As athletes...

We will be looking at fitness for indoor PE and will also be playing invasion games focussing on rugby.

As linguists...

Children will be learning to speak in sentences and working at YCT2 Level 3-6.

As geographers...

We will look at the impact of humans on the Earth through different civilisations. We will also be map reading by using an 8-point compass.

Notices and reminders

- All children have their Spelling Shed and SumDog log ins, please encourage your child to utilise both of these learning platforms to secure their understanding.
- P.E. sessions will be on Monday and Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child brings their P.E kit to school every week.
- In Year 5, it is vital that children continue to read and discuss books with adults. It is expected that this will happen every day for at least 20 minutes. Children should note down their opinions and observations in their Reading Records. Parents should sign.
- **Homework:** Homework will be set on Fridays and must be handed in no later than Wednesday morning the following week. Please sign to say you have seen it.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 5 team

Miss Johnston - Heron Class

Ms Brophy- Raven Class

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