



## Welcome to Year 6

Topics we will be covering: Viking invasions and Britain since 1066.

This term we will be focussing on the following areas and skills:

### English

During our topic on the Vikings, we will be using the book and TV program 'How to Train Your Dragon' to inspire our writing.

We will also be studying the book 'Friend or Foe' to produce a range of writing from different genres, such as: diaries, letters home and a narrative.

We will continue to revise spelling, punctuation and grammar.

### Maths

This term we will continue to work on our calculation skills.

We will also focus on:

- Fractions, including adding and subtracting, multiplying and dividing
- How to interpret graphs
- Explaining our reasoning
- Converting measures to solve problems

We will also work on our mathematical thinking time.

*Our assessment week will be during week 4 of the half term (reading, maths and grammar).*

### Science and Topic

This term we will be studying aspects of the Viking invasion in Britain. We will look at how evidence is used, research where the Vikings came from and who they were. We will create information pages about Alfred the Great's resistance and an animation about a Viking invasion. In Science we will look at how the heart and circulatory system work and investigate how exercise affects heart rate. In Design and Technology we will create moving toys using cams.

Our next topic is Britain since 1066 linked to Battle of Hastings, WW1 and WW2. We will be studying what led to the Second World War and who was involved, why children were evacuated and what life was like as an evacuee. During the term we will visit Stockport Air Raid Shelters to experience what life was like during the air raids (a further letter will follow). In Art and Design, we will be designing and making appliques using sewing skills. In science we will be studying how living things are classified into groups.

## **PE days and what we are doing**

Outdoor P.E. - Thursday

Indoor P.E. - Tuesday - Gymnastics

All PE kit should be clearly named. Children may not wear **ANY** jewellery when doing PE, so earrings should either be left at home that day or children need to be able to remove them themselves. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit: shorts and T shirt for indoor and jogging bottoms and a T shirt for outdoor.

Please ensure that your child has their reading book, reading record and homework diary in school every day.

## **Homework**

In our year group, the following homework will be set (in line with the school's Homework policy):

Monday: Maths handed out. English handed in.

Thursday: English handed out. Maths handed in.

## **How you can help:**

Children should be reading daily as this supports their writing and comprehension skills.

In order to help your children prepare for the SATs, we recommend using revision guides (available on Amazon) as well as visiting revision websites (BBC and Woodlands Junior).

**Please remember to search for the New National Curriculum.**

At this time, if you wish to do so, we would recommend you focus on arithmetic and spellings.

If you require any more guidance on this, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.