



Spring term in year 6

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a very busy Spring Term!

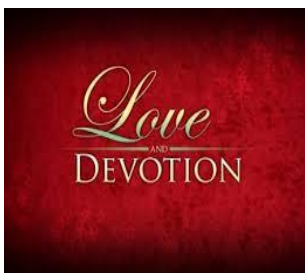
We trust that you and your families had a lovely Christmas break and more importantly, that you are all safe and well. With the excitement of Christmas now becoming a distant memory, it can be difficult at this time of year for our children to re-ignite that love of learning and the determination to push themselves to achieve their best so we will be doing all we can in class to push forward.

Please support us by making sure your child is in school every day and on time. Our year group attendance was 93% for the Autumn term. We are working towards 97% as a whole school.

This is our Spring term newsletter for 2023. You will find key information about the forthcoming term below.

Our learning this term:

This term in History, we are studying The Vikings and Anglo Saxons. In school this week, we have been visited by Southampton museums for an exciting Viking and Anglo Saxon launch. The children learnt lots and were fascinated by the local links. They will now study how and why the Vikings travelled to Great Britain and compare and contrast a raid and a conquest. Moving onto learning about Viking beliefs and their Gods. In Art we will be linking their art skills to the Viking lessons and will be creating a range of artefacts. We don't want to give it away yet!!!



In R.E – The children will be sharing ideas on the meaning of the concept of 'devotion' and how people may show devotion for something They will identify which of the Ten Commandments refer to duty to God and which refer to duty to others. They will be able to ask and answer questions about matters of right and wrong and suggest answers used by the Jewish and Christian traditions.



Dreams and Goals

In PSHE – The class will talk about their own strengths and further stretching themselves by setting challenging and realistic goals. They will discuss the learning steps they'll need to take as well as talking about how to stay motivated. The children explore various global issues and explore places where people may be suffering or living in difficult situations – whilst doing this they reflect on their own emotions linked to this learning. The class also talk about what they think their classmates like and admire about them as well as working on giving others praise and compliments.



In SCIENCE – We are learning about evolution and inheritance. The children will study the key ideas of the theory of evolution. This will include the research of the main scientists who contributed to the theory of evolution alongside fossil evidence. The children will be able to explain the scientific concept of inheritance of living things and how and why adaptation takes place.

In maths sessions we will be striving to continue to build upon our mathematical skills and understanding by further developing our knowledge of:

- Ratio; decimals, percentages and fractions;
- Using four quadrants to find translation, reflection and rotation;
- Algebra;
- Perimeter and Area;
- Arithmetic sessions (children may call this 10 in 10) - The 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division), squared and cubed numbers, BODMAS, negative numbers, decimals, fractions and percentages

English/writing



In our writing sessions, we will be studying these texts across the Spring term. Using these texts, we will be writing our own: holiday brochures/adverts to persuade, an advert for the 3 little pigs, a journalistic recount article about King Kong and a set of directions for a

character in the text "The Errand".

During these lessons we will also be securing, improving and applying our grammar and punctuation knowledge from across key stage two teaching. Some home learning that we will be sending home may revisit previous years grammar rules at times.



Reading

In our reading sessions, we will be using the books above alongside revision materials for SATS which will include shorter passages using a range of text-types: Poetry, Non-Fiction and fiction.

It is essential the children continue to read at home and build on their stamina so they are ready to read and understand longer passages of writing.



Bank Holiday - KS2 SATS

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023 and school will therefore be closed. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.



Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned.

As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

Please be mindful that you plan that weekend accordingly so your children have had sufficient sleep and are ready for the week ahead. We will be providing parents/Carers the opportunity to attend an information session about SATS week later in the term – do look out for further information on this.



Final reminder for CGP revision book orders – Deadline – This Thursday 12th January

We have obtained revision books at a subsidised cost to help prepare for the tests. The options are below:

Option 1: KS2 English SATS Revision Book - cost is £2.75 (retail price £5.95) This revision book includes reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling revision areas.

Option 2: KS2 Maths SATS Revision book - cost is £2.75 (retail price £5.95) This revision book includes all maths learning throughout years 3 to 6 and is a helpful revision guide of all of the key learning

Option 3: KS2 English and Maths revision books – Cost is £5.50 (Retail price £11.90) Revision books as detailed above

Option 4: Year 6 SATS Essentials: Study & Question Book Bundle cost is £9.00 (retail price £20.00) This set includes 2 revision guides for Maths and English and 2 question books for your child to practice in - answers provided at the back to refer to!

These books can be used at home to revise the learning that is taking place in class and will help you understand the terminology we use in class. If you would like any further details about the books on offer, please visit the CGP website directly via www.cgpbooks.co.uk or please come and speak with a member of the year 6 team. If you would like to place an order for your child, please order by **Thursday 12th January** as we will be placing our school order **on Friday 13th January** – *payment information can be found on the recently sent out Parentmail notifications.*

Summer term trips!

We have been able to secure 2 trips for the summer term. We would like to provide you with some initial information about these below.

Our first trip will be to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke to participate in a day about World War 1 and 2 which will include workshops and exploration of the museum. The trip will take place in June. Confirmed date and timings will be sent out in the near future.

The final trip (to mark the end of the children's time at Moorlands) will be to Legoland! It will include a rollercoaster making programming and computing session. The trip will be taking place on Friday 14th July with the advance notice, we won't be arriving back at school until 6pm.

Further information will be sent out in due course about both trips including cost and specific timings.

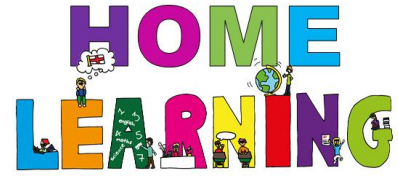


Year 6 SATS



Home learning

We try incredibly hard to get the balance of “too much” vs “too little” for home learning. Last half term, we were contacted by a number of parents/Carers requesting additional home learning or for further work to be sent home. We try our utmost to ensure there is a consistent balance.



In year 6, as we progress through the academic year, we do increase the amount of home learning sent home. This is to encourage and support your children with managing their time ahead of progressing onto secondary school where home learning expectations will be considerably higher and greater. You will notice an increase this term with what comes home. Home learning, as always, will reflect the learning that is taking place in class.

As previously mentioned in this newsletter, the opportunity to purchase the CGP revision and question books at a reduced rate will provide your child with additional home learning tasks and opportunities should you so wish to use them for this.

Use of roll-on deodorant

We are encouraging all children in year 6 to be using roll-on deodorant in school. Please do provide your child with one for their PE kit bag for use after PE sessions. We have spoken in class briefly about the importance of this in staying fresh!

Use of mobile phones

As a reminder about the use of mobiles – We understand many children will be walking to and from school independently. Mobiles must be handed in at the start of the day to the teacher or TA and be turned off. They must not be turned back on until leaving the school site, we are seeing an increase in mobiles and the use of these before school and after school on site.

Mobiles will be returned at the end of the day – mobile phone agreement sheets must be completed and returned to school in order for your child to bring a mobile in with them – please ask your child to collect one if needed especially if they have a phone since the Christmas break!

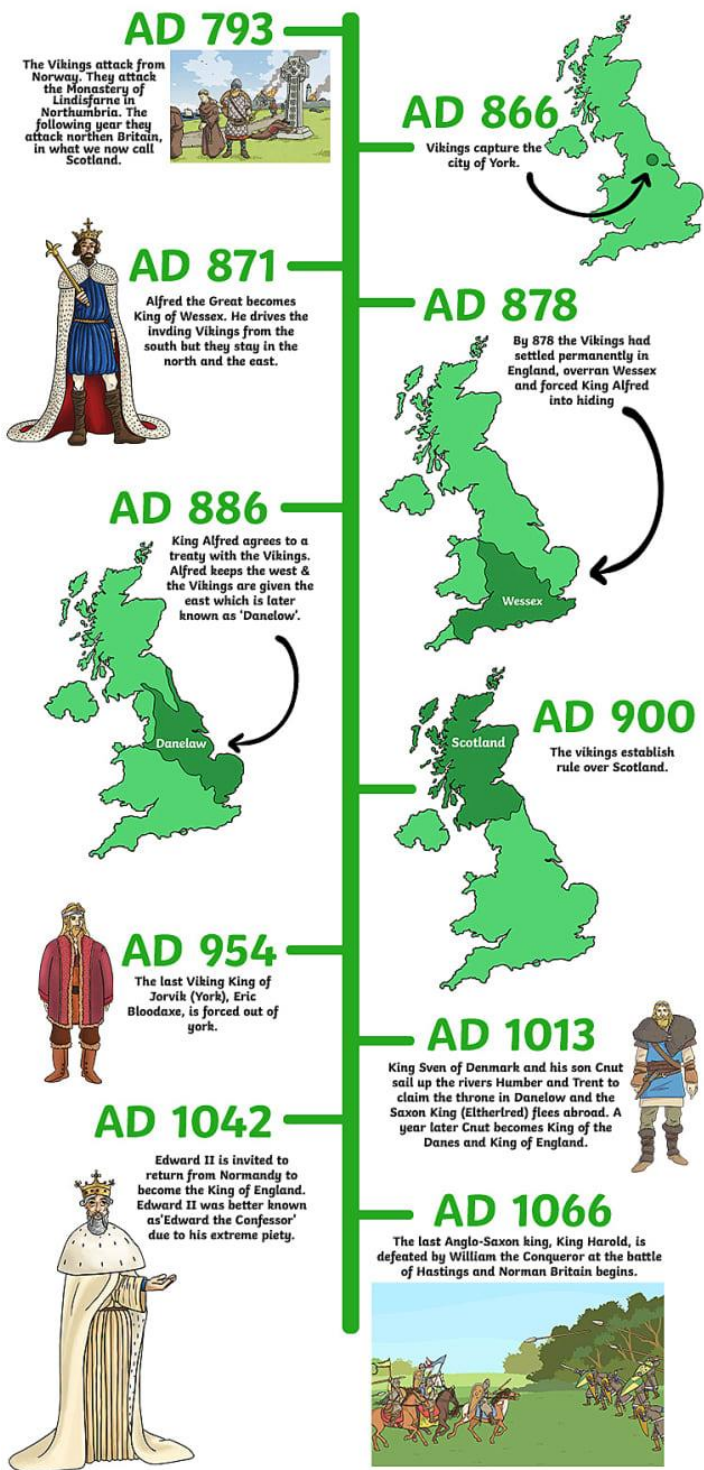
Best wishes to you all,

Mr Turner and Mrs Whittingstall-Bean

Viking and Anglo Saxons



Beliefs Conflict
Culture and Pastimes



Vocabulary

conquered	explorers
longship	raid
conquest	Danegeld
monastery	kingdoms
settlements	Valhala
Lindisfarne	

Important People

Alfred the Great – Anglo Saxon King of Wessex
 King Cnut – Viking King of Danes and England
 Etherlred – (the Unready!) Anglo Saxon King
 Edward II (Edward the Confessor)
 Odin – Viking God of War, Death, Poetry and Wisdom
 Thor – Viking God of Thunder

Key Facts

The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings fought to gain control of England over three hundred years.

Vikings attacked and raided Lindisfarne in 793CE and conquered Jorvik (now York) in 866CE.

Agreements were created between the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings for rule of different areas of England.

Anglo-Saxons had a mixture of Pagan and Christian beliefs.

Vikings were Scandinavian people who travelled by sea on Longships to attack northern parts of England.

Vikings worshipped many Gods. Each had different strengths and weaknesses.