



Our topic this term is *The Saxon and Viking Struggle for England*. We will be learning about Saxon and Viking life. We will also find out how the nation of England emerged from this conflict. Children will imagine what it was like to be a Viking or Saxon warrior.

In Science, our topic will be *Living Things and Their Habitats*. Children will use our wildlife area to explore and observe life cycle changes in a variety of animals and plants in our local environment.

Our SEAL themes are Relationship and Changes. The children will continue to look at the importance of British Values. This term Year 6 children will work closely with local secondary schools in preparation for transition.

In R.E. children will explore why Jews celebrate the Sabbath and the meaning behind the Apostle's Creed.

In Design Technology, the children will be constructing their own version of a Saxon shield.

In Art we will be sketching scenes from Saxon and Viking battlefields as well as looking at pattern and motif from this time in history.



In computing, we will be using Purple Mash software to complete a unit on quizzing. This will involve children compiling their own quiz on an area of this terms learning.

In P.E. lessons children will be learning the importance of sustaining pace over short and longer distances such as running 100m and running for 2 minutes. They will be able to run as part of a relay team working at their maximum speed and perform a range of jumps and throws demonstrating increasing power and accuracy.

Children will need their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school at all times. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor kit too (including a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms, sunhat and a water bottle). They need pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors.

In Literacy we will be reading texts/watching clips that involve stories by famous authors, non-fiction and a variety of narrative texts, including poetry.

We will be following the TES Spelling scheme where children will be taught spelling patterns and rules, they will have weekly spellings, to learn at home, which will be applied through regular activities in class.

Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, both independently and to an adult for at least 10 minutes each day and sign their diary.
- Reminding them to record their reading in their diary.
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding.
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails, get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- Practising their spellings with them.



In Maths we will be covering all areas of the Maths curriculum. It is important that the children practise their tables at home. Please help your child by:

- Encouraging them to **practise their tables** and the corresponding division facts. Year 5 and 6 children should know all the tables.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping, telling the time.
- Helping them to complete any homework.

Dates for you diary

Year 6 Astley Burf residential: 29th April - 3rd May
Voting Day (Children not in school) 2nd May
May Day (Children not in school) 6th May
Year 6 End of Key stage assessment (formerly known as SATs) Week commencing 13th May
Year 6 First Aid with St John Ambulance: 20th May
Year 5 Assembly to parents: 23rd May
Year 6 End of Year production: 8th July
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly: 19th July

Homework

Children record formal homework in their homework diaries and we would ask that parents check these regularly. This work is often in the form of completing work that has been started in class. Teachers will comment in diaries as and when necessary and parents are encouraged to do the same.

Homework will be set as follows:

In addition to daily reading, Years 5 will have their half termly spellings in their diaries and then weekly spelling practise activities are provided in preparation for the assessment.

The children in Year 5 will be given a piece of Maths home learning on a Wednesday each week to be returned the following Wednesday.

In addition to formally set homework pupils in Years 5/6 are expected to:

- Read their own choice of book every day.
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If you have any questions or concerns please come in and see one of us.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Pickett, Mrs Foster, Mrs Cook, Mrs Brannon and Mrs Barratt



Year 5&6
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The Saxon and Viking Struggle for England

We hope that our overview of this term's topic will provide you with ideas of how to help your child at home.