

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a good break.

During term 3 and 4, our topic will be The Vikings.

Our English lessons will start with the book, How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell. We will be exploring plot, character, setting and style and at the end of the unit, we will write a new chapter. Our grammar focus will be on pronouns, dialogue punctuation and adverbials. We then move onto reading Selkie by Gillian McClure and Can You Catch a Mermaid? by Jane Ray. We will use these books to build on our higher-level comprehension skills and to write our own version of a sea myth. The grammar focus will be on dialogue layout/punctuation and use of paragraphs.	In maths , we start by building on our knowledge of multiplication and division (11 and 12 times table, efficient methods of multiplication, recognising factor pairs and multiplying and dividing up to 3 digits by 1 digit). After that, we will learn how to calculate the area of different shapes. We end the term by learning about equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and finding fractions of amounts.	In science , we will be learning about humans and living things. The focus will be on the human digestive system (the different parts and their function) and teeth (types and functions of teeth and teeth decay).
In art, design & technology , the children will build on their drawing and shading skills by learning how to draw intricate Viking knots, animal heads in the Viking style, dragons and Viking warrior portraits. We finish the term by making Viking jewellery decorated with runes.	In topic , we will create our own Viking timeline, learn where the Vikings came from and why, discuss the different opinions on Viking raids, examine how Vikings travelled and finally investigate the importance of trade to the Vikings.	Our PSHE theme is 'Looking forward'. The children will start by learning how to take responsibility for their learning, behaviour and choices. We then learn about fair trade and ask what influences the choices people make about global trade? The children will also learn about small enterprise.
There will be two PE* lessons every week, one of which will be dance (focusing on Viking dance) and the other will be gymnastics (with Superstars).	Our RE lessons this term will focus on Buddhism and the question: Could the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?	In music , we will be learning about and performing Viking saga songs.
In computing lessons, the children will learn how to create effective PowerPoints with a Viking theme.	In French , we will learn how to recognise and say different colours, which ones we like and which we dislike.	

*** May I take the opportunity to remind you that PE kits (trainers, white t-shirt, black or blue shorts/skort) are required to be in school at all times.**

On Tuesday afternoons, the children will be taught science and computing by Mrs Pitts.

Weekly home learning will be set each Friday and must be handed in by the following Wednesday. In addition to weekly home learning tasks, each term children are encouraged to complete two home learning activities from the termly planner. Spelling lists will also come home each Friday and it is expected that children will practise their spellings at least three times to prepare for their weekly test each Wednesday. We also ask that children read a minimum of three times a week at home.

Thank for your continued support with your child's learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please see me before or after school, or email the school office (admin@suttonbenger.wilts.sch.uk).

Best wishes

Miss Moseley