



Welcome to the Year 5 Class Newsletter! Autumn Term 2



Book Talk

Our Year 5 class text for this half term is 'The Saga of Erik the Viking'.

This is the tale of a Viking warrior. His name was Erik. Erik is no ordinary Viking. With his trusty band of men he sets sail in search of the land where the sun goes at night. In fact, he finds much more! The Sea Dragon, Dogfighters and giants combine to make his voyage a great saga of thrilling adventures.

English

This half term we will delve deeper into historical world of the Vikings and share recounts in different forms.

- Recount (History to Life Educational visit to SFX)
- Historical recount (A day in the life of a Viking)
- Information text (Vikings)

We will also be having a real focus on our handwriting so please keep writing!

History

Our history topic this half term is - **The Vikings**

Let's investigate...

1. Who were the Vikings?
2. How do historians know how the Vikings traded?
3. What were the Viking raids and why were they so successful?
4. What was the Danelaw?
5. How did England become a unified country?
6. Did the Vikings rule England?

Maths - Multiplication and division

- multiples, factors & squares
- mental strategies for multiplication & division
- using and explaining multiplication and division methods

Perimeter and area

Calculating the area and perimeter of different shapes

Remember to rise to the TT Rockstars challenge as knowing your times tables will really help with this unit of work.

R.E. – Prophecy and Promise

We hear, we believe, we celebrate, and we live through Christ Jesus.

- Who was David?
- David and Goliath
- King David
- Psalm 23
- David and Jesus
- The Good Shepherd
- Servant leadership
- The Rosary – Joyful mysteries
- Advent promises
- The O Antiphons
- O Antiphons in art
- My O Antiphon art

There will be a range of active prayer and liturgy daily for children to gather and pray.

RSE

Within RSE we will be focusing on

- * Girl's bodies
- * Boy's bodies
- * Spots and Sleep



We will also be getting ready to share our Year 5 and 6 Nativity with you!



Science – Forces

- What are forces?
- What is gravity?
- What is friction?
- What is air resistance?
- What is water resistance?
- What can simple machines do to forces?



Design and Technology

Our DGT topic this half term is Electrical systems. We will be looking at simple circuits and electrical products we already know before creating our own doodlers

Computing

Our computing topic this half term will be iDraw where we will be focusing on digital images and how we can create and improve them.

Physical Education

In this half term we will be concentrating on improving our fitness levels.
What can you do at home to help build your stamina?

A Prayer for the Autumn Term

Dear God,

Thank you for this time of year. Help us to become a loving, caring community where we show respect and learn through work and play.

Help make our school a place where all feel welcome and where we grow closer to you each day and prepare us for your birth.

Amen x

We are looking forward to sharing our work with you over the academic year!