



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 6 Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to welcome your children back to Bishopswood Junior School this Autumn; we have an exciting and challenging year ahead for them. The following includes some reminders and an outline of the year ahead.

Learning Challenge

Our first Topic will be 'Were the Vikings always victorious and vicious?' We will study the historical events of the Vikings, explore historical findings through investigation and look at the day to day life of the Vikings. We will also create some dragon based art work through different mediums of art!

Uniform

The children have come back looking very smart in their school uniform, however please ensure your child is wearing plain, black shoes or pumps – no colour, including white. All uniform should be clearly labelled to avoid a build-up of lost property. Please check uniform regularly to ensure your child has the correct jumper. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back – children will be provided with a hairband in school if their hair is not tied back. Children are not permitted to wear any jewellery other than 1 pair of small stud earrings and a watch (no smart watches). Chains, hooped earrings, necklaces or bracelets are not permitted and children will be asked to remove them.

Homework Diaries

Homework will be stuck into the homework diary on a Monday morning so all children know what homework is being set that week. Please continue to check the diary regularly so that you know what homework your child has been set and what is going on at school. The information page of the diary can be used to give us information, but anything of a sensitive nature should be written in a letter to the class teacher. **To enable the children to become more independent we encourage the children to show the teacher any messages in their diaries.** It should be your child's responsibility to remind you that it needs to be signed weekly. We hope you find the diaries helpful and that they encourage the children to be more independent in their organisation in preparation for secondary school.

Homework

As you know, Year 6 is a very important year and as a reflection of this, you may find your child has increased amounts of homework. We are very keen for children to take responsibility for their own learning, so please encourage your child to set up good routines for doing homework; this will help them as they transition to other schools. Every child should read at home at least 3 times a week; please can you acknowledge this by signing your child's homework diary by Friday. Spelling lists will also be set weekly and this will be stuck in their homework diary.

SATs week is scheduled to be the week commencing 11th May 2026. Please ensure your child does not take holiday in school time during the lead up to SATs as they will greatly benefit from the revision we will be carrying out.

PE

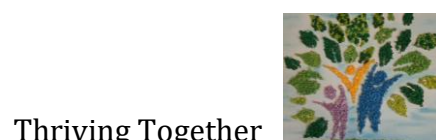
Children should wear PE kit into school on the day they have PE. This term this will be a **Wednesday**. PE kit consists of: black shorts; black joggers; white round neck t-shirt or t-shirt in your child's 'house colour'; school jumper or cardigan; trainers. Earrings should be taken out for PE (or taped until they can be removed). School jumpers or cardigans should be worn if it is cold. Long hair must be tied back as always.



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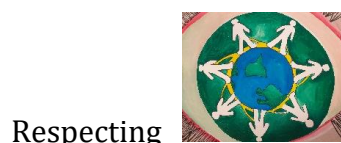
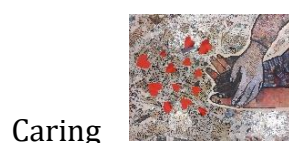
Thriving Together

At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 6	Were the Vikings always victorious and vicious?
Subject	Areas Covered
Learning Enrichment	Bikeability – Friday 19 th September, Monday 22 nd and Tuesday 23 rd September (details shared separately) Heart dissection – details to follow
Reading:	The weekly guided reading sessions will focus on comprehension and understanding of texts including Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton, Viking Boy by Tony Bradman and Windrush Child by Benjamin Zehaniah. We will also be starting to look at test type questions and the texts that go alongside them.
Writing:	<p><u>Narrative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viking story based on the short film, The Sage of Biorn. • Persuasive Viking battle speech inspired by speeches we read and watch. <p><u>Non-Fiction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing based around Windrush Child <p><u>Spellings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling rules and learning Year 5/6 spellings (national curriculum) <p><u>Grammar</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different word classes and their function in sentences
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Value • Addition • Subtraction • Multiplication • Division <p>Children will improve their calculation through arithmetic practice and develop their problem solving skills understanding of Maths in context.</p>
Art	<u>Dragon Eyes</u> The children will be designing dragon eyes using different drawing and shading techniques. They will then move on to exploring clay techniques, before finally recreating these dragon eyes using clay. To finish off they will paint them.
History	<u>Vikings</u> The children will be looking at the Vikings and whether they were settlers or raiders. Throughout this topic, they will be learning about where the Vikings came from, where they settled, when the Viking period was and how it links to other periods in British history. They will also be learning about day to day Viking life.
Science	<u>Living things</u> The children will be learning about how our bodies work, including looking at the importance of healthy lifestyles, as well as describing how the lungs and circulatory system works. The children will also look at the impact of exercise on our bodies.
My Happy Mind	<u>Meet Your Brain</u> The children will be learning about their brain and how it works. They will look at how their feelings impact our brain, as well as different ways to look after their brains so they can be their best selves. Finally, they will look at how to develop healthy habits to look after their minds.
Physical Education	Orienteering – the children will be learning how to orientate themselves using a map, learn compass directions and solve problem solving and teamwork skills Netball – the children will be learning how to complete standard netball passes, attacking and defending skills, footwork and building up to learning how to play matches in 5-a-side game.
RE	<u>Peace – Islam</u> The children will be studying the concept of peace. They will look at various symbols of peace and design their own peace symbols. They will think about what peace means to them and how it is achieved or practiced in their own life. Finally, they will look at what peace means to Muslims.
Spanish	Learning how to comment on the weather and present a weather forecast in Spanish.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Morris Mrs Dreelan Mrs Ouazzani-Yusein



Important Dates...

Friday 19th, Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd September	Bikeability
Wednesday 1st October - 5.30pm	PGL parents' information meeting
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th November	PGL

DAY	YR 6 HOMEWORK SET*	
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday	Spellings Maths - arithmetic Topic Reading	Children will have a week to complete their homework. If it is more than a day late then they will be expected to complete it at breaktime. If they cannot complete their homework at home on a particular week please send a note in their homework diary - we will find them time in school to complete it. *The homework timetable is subject to change due to teaching sequences

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