



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 6 Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you enjoyed the short break from school with your children and they are ready for the next half term. This letter contains information about the next few weeks, as well as a few reminders. We would like to start by saying a massive well done to all for children who came to PGL last week. The behaviour and resilience from all the children was amazing. A huge well done also to all the children who were in school last week, working on projects and taking on all the year 6 prefect jobs! They should all be very proud of themselves!

Learning Challenge

Throughout this half term, we will be continuing with our 'Were the Vikings always victorious and vicious?' topic. We will be doing some more project based work, gathering and sharing everything we have been learning. We will also be completing our DT for this term which will be based around Viking food, culminating with the children making a Viking inspired soup!

Homework Diaries

Homework will be stuck into the homework diary on a Monday 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. The children are expected to have their homework diaries with them every day so they can refer to the homework grid and spellings stuck in during the week.

Homework

We will be continuing with the same homework timetable this half term. This will include spellings, a weekly maths sheet, weekly topic homework and reading. 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.

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.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Morris Mrs Dreelan Mrs Ouazzani-Yusein

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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	PGL residential – teambuilding, independence, resilience Christmas carol concert	
Reading:	The weekly guided reading sessions will focus on comprehension and understanding of texts including You Are Awesome by Matthew Syed and Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve. We will also be continuing to look at test type questions and the texts that go alongside them.	
Writing:	Our first piece of writing will be based around the book Blue John by Berlie Doherty where the children will be creating their own character who lives under the mountain of Mam Tor We will then be doing writing activities such as non-chronological report and character description inspired by the classic Year 6 book Skellig by David Almond	
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fractions • Percentages • Decimals • Arithmetic practice • Shape and Angles 	Children will improve their calculation through arithmetic practice and develop their problem solving skills understanding of Maths in context.
DT	Viking Cooking The children will be researching Viking food and what was readily available in Britain at the time of the Vikings. They will be creating recipes for a Viking soup. They will practice safe cooking skills and cook a Viking soup.	
History	Vikings The children will continue learning about the Vikings. They will be looking at the conflicts in Viking Britain and how the Viking age came to an end.	
Science	Light The children will be learning about different sources of light, how reflection works and how light helps us to see. Through this, they will also study different parts of our eyes and the basics of how they work.	
My Happy Mind	Celebrate The children will be learning about what the different types of Character Strengths are, how they can learn to spot different strengths in themselves and others and which Character Strengths the children identify with.	
Physical Education	Hockey – the children will be learning how to control a ball with a hockey stick, dribbling, passing and shooting. They will also learn safe tackles and the rules of a match. Gymnastics - the children will be focussing on movement, including jumps, leaps and vaulting.	
RE	Birth narrative interpretations The children will be studying the Christmas story from different perspectives. They will look at different interpretations of the Christmas story from different books of the bible, as well as discussing and telling their own versions.	
Computing/Music	Garage band The children will be exploring the use of Garage Band to create their own musical pieces. They will investigate how technology can be used for composition.	

Important Dates...

Children in Need – wear spotty clothes	Friday 14th November
Carols Around the Tree (More details to follow)	Tuesday 16th December – 2.45pm

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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