



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, exploring historical findings through investigation and we are very excited to welcome our Viking visitor this half term.

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. 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 below shoulder length should be tied back – children will be provided with a hairband in school if their hair is not tied back. Children should not wear any jewellery (no chains, no hooped earrings, no necklaces or bracelets). All children are allowed to wear small stud earrings and a watch (no smart watches).

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 gets more 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 move on 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 12th May 2025. 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 doing.

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/grey joggers; white round neck t-shirt or t-shirt in your child's 'house colour'; school jumper or cardigan; black trainers. Earrings should be taken out for Games and 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,



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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	Viking Day (in school) – Thursday 19 th September (dress up is not necessary – more details to follow)
<u>Reading:</u>	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.
<u>Writing:</u>	<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)
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Value • Addition • Subtraction • Multiplication • Division <p>Children will do problem solving and calculation tasks to help develop their understanding of Maths in context and improve their times tables knowledge.</p>
Art	<u>Dragon Eyes</u> Created using clay and decorating with spray paint.
Computing	Scratch programming – creating maze games.
Music	Rhythm using cross curricular links to Computing – garage band.
Science	<u>Living things and their habitat</u> Learning about the major organs in the body and how to keep healthy. We will also be dissecting lamb hearts – more details to follow.
Physical Education	Ultimate frisbee – teamwork and skills. Netball – skills and matches.
RE	Islam – peace.
Spanish	Learning how to comment on the weather and present a weather forecast in Spanish.

Mr Morris

Mrs Sullivan

Miss Nicholls

Important Dates...

Thursday 19th September	Viking Day
Wednesday 2nd October - 6pm	PGL parents information meeting
Monday 4th - Friday 8th November	PGL

DAY	YR 6 HOMEWORK SET*	
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Spellings Maths – arithmetic Grammar or Topic Maths- consolidation tasks 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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