



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 6 Autumn 1

History; knowledge acquired through investigation
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Dear Parents,

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

Learning Challenge

This half term, our Topic will be 'Were the Vikings always victorious and vicious?' We will be studying the historical events of the Vikings, exploring historical findings through investigation and creating our very own Viking museum to show case our historical discoveries. We are very excited to also welcome our Viking visitor on **Monday 20th September**, where children can dress for the occasion, if they choose.

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.

Homework Diaries

Homework diaries will be completed on a Monday morning so all children know what homework is being set that week. Please continue to check and sign the diary regularly so that you know what homework your child has been set and how things are going 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. 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 certainly help them as they move on to other schools. Every child should read at home at least 3 times a week; please can this be acknowledged in your child's homework diary by Friday. Spelling lists will also be set weekly.

SATs week is currently scheduled to be in May 2022, the week commencing 9.5.22. 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 This term the children will be led and run by SCL, an external sports company. Due to COVID regulations, please may you ensure your child attends school in the appropriate school P.E kit on a **Thursday**. Trainers can be worn for outdoor games and tracksuit bottoms / a school jumper, so children do not get cold.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Cushing

Miss Ouazzani

Ms Feather

Subject		Home Support
English		
 <p>English this half term will start with instructional writing and a non-chronological report for how to train your dragon. This will be followed by children writing a Viking story, based on the short film The Saga of Biorn. Then we will be writing persuasive speeches, inspired by the famous Anglo-Saxon kings.</p> <p>The weekly guided reading sessions will focus on comprehension and understanding of texts including Viking Boy by Tony Bradman, Beowulf by Michael Murpurgo and Pet Dragon by Sally Symes. We will also be starting to look at test type questions and the texts that go alongside them.</p>	<p>Children will be working on their individual spelling needs. They will therefore be required to learn 10-15 spellings each week. Spelling tests will usually be on a Monday.</p>  <p>Please ensure your child reads at home at least 3 times a week and records it in their homework diary. Good readers do not have to read aloud each time, but should discuss their reading with you. Homework diaries need to be signed by Friday.</p>	
Mathematics		
 <p>Using the New National Curriculum, a range of topics will be covered focusing on the gaps in their learning including units on multiplication and division, percentages, fractions and addition and subtraction.</p> <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>	 <p>Every week, for homework, there will be a mini-arithmetic test paper or a piece of work linked to what is being taught in class. To create good habits, please ensure the work is completed by the date set. At times your child may receive two pieces of Maths homework. This is to support them for their success in Year 6.</p>	
PE /Games		
 <p>PE this half term will be on a Thursday afternoon and will be run by SCL.</p>	 <p>Children should continue to wear their PE kit into school on a Thursday. As the weather is temperamental, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing, such as shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a jumper available to wear as we endeavour to be outside as much as possible.</p>	
Topics		
<i>Were the Vikings always victorious and vicious?</i>		
<p>Throughout this half term Year 6 will be learning about the Vikings. They will discover and explore different accounts and artefacts, deciding if the Vikings were always victorious and vicious. They will learn who the Vikings were as well as when and where they raided and settled. They will learn about significant events from the period and order these chronologically on a timeline. The children will find out about the Anglo-Saxon kings who ruled during the 'Viking Age' and examine their influence and significance in British history. In addition to this, they will learn about the Anglo-Saxon justice system and compare and contrast crimes, punishments and laws with their modern day equivalents. The children will also have the opportunity to learn about different aspects of everyday Viking life. They will explore the types of houses that the Vikings lived in, what clothes they wore and even what types of food they ate. Eventually children will create their own Viking museum exhibit, showcasing what they have learnt to the community and other Bishopwood pupils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> History – Vikings- Raiders or Traders? <input type="checkbox"/> Science – Animals and Humans- How can we stay happy, healthy and strong? <input type="checkbox"/> Computing – digital devices <input type="checkbox"/> PSHE- Peer Pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Art – Photography <input type="checkbox"/> D.T- How healthy are snack bars? 		
DAY	YR 6 HOMEWORK SET*	
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Spellings Maths – arithmetic Grammar or Topic Maths- Multiplication facts Reading <small>*The homework timetable is subject to change due to teaching sequences each week</small>	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 lunchtime. If they cannot complete their homework at home please send write a note in their homework diary.

