

Year 6

Spring 1

Half Term 2018

Here is an outline of what your child will be learning about this half term!

	Theme: Invaders: The Vikings
Article 13: You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.	
English	We will be using 'How to Train your Dragon' as our class text during English lessons this half term. From this, we will be writing descriptions of dragons and writing non-chronological reports. The children will be writing instructions for how to catch a dragon and they will plan and write their own Viking Saga. Through these text types, we will focus on a wide range of grammatical features and sentence types. Children will also be given a weekly list of spellings in order to support their writing. They will continue to read 'Wonder' or 'Who Let the Gods Out' in their daily guided reading sessions.
Mathematics	In Maths, we will continue to build on our knowledge of place value and number whilst consolidating methods for all four operations. Children will have additional lessons to support their arithmetic skills. In addition to that, we will be looking at decimal numbers. We will be reading and writing decimals, dividing whole numbers by decimals, writing fractions as decimals, multiplying and dividing decimals. Then we will move on to measure and focus on converting units of length, mass, volume and time. We will be applying this knowledge and understanding to increasingly difficult problems.
Science	We will be visiting Chester Zoo to support our Science unit of evolution and inheritance. We will also be completing a workshop led by the RSPB in our school grounds to develop the children's understanding of wildlife and habitats. Children will be looking at inheritance and adaptation over this unit of work. They will also be learning more about the theory of evolution and evidence for it. They

	<p>will be finding out about the many competing theories and new discoveries in this area of Science.</p> <p>Year 6 will also visit the 'Life Caravan' where they will learn more about drugs and harmful substances.</p>
Computing	<p>In Computing, the children will be creating their own heroes and villains style game using the program Scratch. We will continue to educate the children about e-safety and the importance of this when using the internet.</p>
History/ Geography	<p>In History, Year 6 will be finding out about Viking raiders and invaders. They will be learning about Viking warriors and what Viking life might have been like. They will be completing a rather unusual activity to find clues in order to investigate what Viking life might have been like.</p> <p>Year 6 will be using maps and atlases to identify and plot where the Vikings attacked and settled.</p>
Art/ Design and Technology	<p>Year 6 will be designing, making and evaluating a dragon's eye using clay. They will need to sketch and annotate their initial ideas to show detail and plan. Using clay, they will need to select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to make their dragon's eye. Then they will paint their product. Once completed, they will evaluate their own dragon's eye and find out what others think of their work.</p> <p>The class will also be making Viking flatbread.</p>
RE	<p>Year 6 will be continuing to learn about Christian Values and The Church. The focus will be on 'life as a journey' and what do we commit ourselves to on our journey.</p>
PE	<p>In PE, we will be working alongside Widnes Vikings who will be delivering rugby lessons. Children will be learning how to evade and tag opponents; pass and receive a pass at speed in game situations; attack and defend; develop tactics as a team and apply learned skills in a game of tag rugby.</p>