



Juniper Newsletter

SpringTerm 2022



Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed the Christmas break.
We have some fantastic learning opportunities this term that we look forward to sharing with you!

Learning This Term:

Our **history** this term is all about the era of Viking Britain: where they came from; the impact of their invasion on the United Kingdom; their beliefs and stories; and what day-to-day life was like at the time. In **geography**, we will learn about the region of Scandinavia, including exploring major cities and comparing human and physical features. We will also learn about the geography of rivers.

We will continue to develop our **reading** and **writing** skills this term and will be producing narratives, journalistic writing, information texts and poetry. In **mathematics**, we will mostly be focusing on fractions as well as their connection to decimals and percentages.

In **art**, we will explore Viking patterns and also improve our drawing and sketching skills by creating pictures of warriors and dragon heads. We will also be baking bread as a **D&T** project, later in the term. Our **science** focus will be on 'forces' and 'Earth & space'.



Our **Hook Day** for the topic will be on Wednesday 12th January. We will be inviting children to dress up as Vikings for the day. (This is of course optional)

Class Books:

The children will be using the texts *Viking Boy by Tony Bradman* and *Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone* to stimulate their imagination and reading skills and inspire writing for a variety of purposes. We will also explore a range of **Norse Myths**, as well as **folk tales**.

PE

Tuesday

PLEASE ensure that your child remembers to bring their **FULL** PE kit. Children will be going outside when possible and will need outdoor footwear and suitable warm clothing.

Water

Could you also ensure your child has a water bottle in school, as keeping hydrated is important and does impact positively on pupils' learning. Thank you.

Home Learning

Home learning books now contain this term's challenges and expectations.

Children are expected to read at least 3 times per week and record their reading using the GoRead app please. Spellings are set weekly using Spelling shed. Please continue to practise your times tables regularly.

Hand in Day: Thursday

Remember to check our class blog regularly to see our fantastic learning journeys.

Mrs Hill and Mrs Smith