Autumn Term

Welcome back. It is lovely to see the children back in school and able to be spending time with their friends. We will still be focusing on the skills and knowledge your child needs and also encouraging them to continue developing a love of learning. We have plenty to cover and this year will be hard work for them, but hopefully this will make it even more rewarding before leaving us to join their secondary schools.

TOPIC

We are taking the children's learning further and deeper, linking our understanding of The Anglo-Saxons from last year and studying The Vikings. As part of Britain's History, we will look at the invasion and also the settlement of the group of North Europeans. We will also link it to some Science work, thinking about Evolution and Inheritance and consider what impact the Viking invasion had on our country and what has been left behind.

ENGLISH & MATHS

In English, we are concentrating on establishing the expectations of the Year 6 curriculum in Reading, Writing, Grammar, Spelling and giving the children the opportunity to show what they have remembered from their previous year and develop their skills further. In Maths we continue to work through the skills needed for reasoning and problem solving but also target fractions, decimals and percentages. As we continue throughout the school year, the children will take some assessments to assess where they are at this point in the year so that we can focus on the areas that need more work.

ART & DT

In Art this term we studying collage and how we can use different media to produce artwork. We will also focus on the food that Vikings might have eaten and discuss seasonality of ingredients and cooking techniques. We will be sampling different types of bread and then making some for us to try.

'Were the Vikings always victorious and vicious?'

MUSIC

We will be learning about rhythm and how to compose and improvise using instruments.
We will also learn some fun songs that relate to our Vikings topic.

P.E.

Wednesday pm: In our indoor session we will be working on gymnastics including movement and body position.
Friday: The children will be outside developing their basketball skills and how they are used in games. It is a good idea to have a tracksuit/jogging trousers and jacket as the weather turns colder.
Please note – It is important that your child has the correct PE kit; a white round neck t-shirt and black or blue shorts are needed.

SATs Dates

Year 6 SATs test week will begin on May 10th this year and take place Monday through to Thursday 10th – 13th
It is very important that the children are here all week as they will have worked incredibly hard all year and deserve the chance to show how well they can do.

RE

We are studying sacred texts and other sources looking at what they say about God, the world and human life?

Homework

Your child is expected to read regularly (At least 4 times a week) and to practise their times tables. It would also be a good idea for them to spend time looking at gaps in their learning and understanding so that they are increasing their independent study.

FINALLY

Applications for your child's secondary school place is now open.
https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/hub
This needs to be completed before 31st October. If you would like to discuss this with me, please email or leave a message at the office and I will make time to discuss this important decision.

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