

Class 2 Newsletter

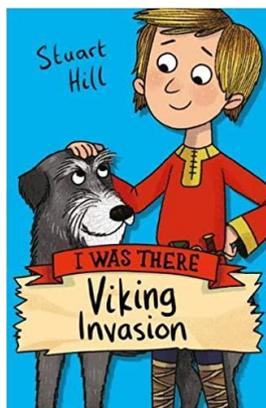
Happy New Year to you all!

We hope you've had a lovely holiday and feel recharged ready for the new year. It's been lovely hearing about all the things the families have been getting up to, over the Christmas break. All the children have come back to school raring to go and have been eager to find out what our next topic is.

This term we will be looking at....Vikings!, with a special focus on the question "Is the grass always greener?". We have also chosen four key words to add greater depth to our topic: Collaboration, Perseverance, Adversity and Courage.

We will continue to work towards our 'Global Neighbours' accreditation in which we are hoping to achieve our Bronze Award. Christian Aid's Global Neighbours accreditation scheme is first and foremost about children: their needs and aspirations, their character and their hopes for the world in which they are growing up.

English



Our main class texts for the first half term will be:

I WAS THERE: VIKING INVASION by Stuart Hill; an exciting account of a young boy helping to defend his village against fearsome Viking invaders.

THE DRAGON'S HOARD by Lari Don; eleven amazing stories bring the Viking Sagas, tales they themselves told, to vivid life.

The children will have the opportunity to write newspaper reports about the Viking invasion on Britain and also write imaginatively, creating their own myths and legends.

Maths

In maths, we are continuing the White Rose Maths framework to support children's progress. We will be furthering children's understanding of the four operations both in written and mental form in a variety of contexts. These skills will be applied to situations they might come across in everyday life and problem-solving activities. For children to achieve, they will need a sound understanding of their times tables facts which have been set by us on TTRS and we would like the children to practise as often as possible.

Science

In Science we will be investigating habitats and how habitats can affect local wildlife and plants. Class 2 will look into properties of a deserts and oceans and compare them so that the children will be able to distinguish between habitats. We will then create our own Power Point Presentations in **Computing** to present the research and information we have collected. We will be looking at the use of font, backgrounds and timers, whilst making sure we work safely at all times online.

Art

Linking to our Viking topic, we will be looking at weaving and jewellery design, creating our own miniature scarves and brooches to attach to our mini Vikings. Starting with designing, we will follow the process to create our own crafts, similar to those created by Vikings.

R.E

We will be asking “What is it like to be a Hindu in Britain today?”, looking at the ideas and concepts of the Hindu faith and making links between this and other faiths.

P.E

Class 2 will have P.E sessions on a Wednesday (netball coaching) for four weeks from 12th January and every Thursday (with Mrs Hall). Please could children continue to come to school in their P.E kits on these days. The first half term will focus on the sport of Netball and Hockey.

Additional activities:

If children would like to do any additional activities at home, we would recommend looking at Purple Mash where there are a range of games and information covering all the subjects in the curriculum. TTRockstars is another website where children can practise their times tables and their mental maths under the title ‘Numbots’.

Homework

Your child can access their homework on **TEAMS**; this will consist of one piece of English and Maths homework per week which will be uploaded every Monday and expected to be returned no later than the following Friday. If your child would like to independently undertake any other research linking to our topic, we would also encourage this. If you need a TEAMS login reset please email sbm@wrfed.co.uk.

Please can you ensure your child is reading regularly at home. Bug Club is a wonderful platform for this and our children thoroughly enjoy using it.

If there are any questions or queries about the online learning, access or logging onto websites, or any other aspect of school please contact us by emailing Mrs Briggs on admin.barlow@wrfed.co.uk, and we will reply to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs Collins & Mrs Edenbrow