

Were the Vikings really vicious?

Year 5/6 Spring Term

As **WRITERS** we will be continuing to explore a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. Within our non-fictional writing exploration, we will have a particular focus on biographies, balanced arguments and formal letters. We will also be developing our fictional and narrative writing skills through the exploration of the text 'The Giant's Necklace'. This will allow us to develop our story-writing and creative writing skills.

As **READERS** we will be clarifying new words, making predictions and summarising what we have read. We will be asking and answering questions about a range of texts and will continue to develop our inference skills.

In **P.E**, Y5 children will be developing their skills in netball and sportshall athletics. Y6 will be practising dance techniques and developing their basketball skills.

As **ARTISTS** we will be using a variety of mixed-media to create Viking inspired pieces of artwork, such as charcoal illustrations and sketching.



In **DESIGN TECHNOLOGY** we will be designing and creating Viking shields using a variety of materials. We will use our design and technology skills to adapt and modify our shield designs. We will then evaluate the design process and critique our creations.

In **RE/ PSHCE** Year 5 will be looking at Faith in Action and Year 6 will be learning about Hopes and Visions. In PSHCE children will be celebrating differences.

As **HISTORIANS** we will be travelling back to the Viking and Anglo-Saxon period. We will be immersing ourselves within this historical era and will be exploring all aspects of Viking life. We will be looking at the different roles that both men and women had in the community and will also be exploring which items were crafted and used for trade. We will also be learning about their many battles and the history behind how and why they fought other countries and tribes.

As **MATHEMATICIANS** we will be continuing to develop our fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills. We will be exploring shape, space and measure along with the interpretation of data and graphs. We have also been focusing on our times tables abilities through the use of 'Times Tables Rock Stars' which has greatly improved our speed. It is encouraged that children continue to use this at home!

As **GEOGRAPHERS** we will be developing our map reading skills in order to plot and place Viking settlements. We will also be plotting their journeys across the European continent and will use this geographical information to learn about their lifestyle and choice of land settlements.