

YEAR 6 SPRING NEWSLETTER 2024

Welcome back Year 6 and I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year! In 2024 we will keep working on our New Delaval characteristics – Resilience, Empathy, Self-Awareness, Positivity, Excellence, Communication and Teamwork. This term brings two exciting new topics, which the children will be studying – firstly, ‘Our Changing World’ will be our focus and after that, we will begin exploring ‘The Vikings’.

In our ‘Our Changing World’ topic, children will explore the following:

- Coasts and their changing physical features.
- The reason behind these changes and the impact.
- How countries and their borders have changed and why.
- How has Blyth changed in the past 100 years?

In our Vikings topic, children will consider...

- The historical impact of the Vikings.
- How Britain dealt with the invaders.
- How Vikings lived and worked.
- The different Viking Gods and Viking artefacts.

One of our class texts this term will be ‘A Galaxy of Her Own: Amazing Stories of Women in Space’. From small steps to giant leaps, A Galaxy of Her Own tells fifty stories of inspirational women who have been fundamental to the story of humans in space, from scientists to astronauts to some surprising roles in between.

After half term, we will be reading ‘Arthur and the Golden Rope’ by Joe Todd-Stanton. An exciting graphic novel set in Viking times, including encounters with Loki and Thor.

Other goings on in Year 6:

- NUF sessions
- A SATs after school club for selected children.
- Increased SATS and exam practice.
- Lots of Reading Plus opportunities.
- 5-minute maths challenges.
- PE sessions with Mr Hutton.
- French (Languagenut), Music and Art & DT with Miss Steel.
- Dr Bike classroom sessions.
- Tutoring sessions with Mrs Watson.

Our science topics this term will be Properties and Changes of Materials and Forces.

Organisation: Year 6 need to make sure their reading book is in every day. Their diary will be checked on a Friday - there must be evidence of 3 signatures from parents/carers.

PE will still be on Mondays and Thursdays. Homework will be handed out on a Friday and expected in on a Wednesday. The consequence of not handing in is staying in to complete the homework at break. Consequences will be increasing for those who persistently do not hand in their homework. Extra Reading Plus/Rockstars is also encouraged.

Spellings will still be tested half termly, with a spelling bee at the end of the half term. A new list will go home at the start of each half term.