

Year 6 Newsletter Autumn 2

October 2021



Hello and welcome back everybody!

We hope you have had a lovely rest over this October half-term. It was definitely needed after such a long first half-term back. However, it was amazing to see the children come back ready and raring to hit the ground running. I would like to say a huge thank-you to those who were able to attend parents evening last half-term. It was lovely to meet you, put a face to the name and discuss how your child has been getting on over the past year or so since joining us in year 5 and now their development in year 6.

This half-term on the build up to Christmas, we have lots of new and exciting topics to cover but we will also be continuing with some of our current topics too☺. I can't wait to get started with the children. In addition, we have Miss Callaghan with us still, who is excited to continue to support the children in their learning alongside myself and Mrs Relton.

We are continuing to delve deeper this half-term to understand whether the Vikings really were vicious! The children have been extremely engaged in learning the gruesome history of the Viking raids and how they were around at the same time as the Anglo-Saxons and Mayans. We have started to look in to more detail the end of the Viking era, why this happened and who came after them. This half-term, we will also be investigating Viking settlement names, making comparisons between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings as well as the Viking and modern day warrior. We will also be looking at why the Vikings left.

This also ties nicely in to our Design and Technology topic of structures. We will be exploring, designing and constructing our very own Viking longhouses. The children will be experimenting with different materials and structures to find the sturdiest for their longhouse. These will be presented in our year 6 classroom and eventually be brought home by the children. Any lollipop sticks, corrugated cardboard or even straw you may have at home would be greatly appreciated by all in year 6!

We also have an interesting Science topic of Electricity. The children will be re-capping previous learning and building upon this over the next 7 weeks. We will even be creating our own personal experiment and designing our very own game using circuits and our knowledge of electricity so keep your eyes peeled on our twitter and class story to find out what we get up to. As always, knowledge organisers will be handed out to children and will be available on the school website as well as class story with this newsletter.

As always, we are here to support your child in their final year of primary school and so if there are any issues, concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Relton via class dojo or you can phone the school office. You can also keep up to date with **all** our learning, events, dates or information via our class dojo page as well as our class twitter page - [BradleygreenY6](#).

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Booth

Year 6 class teacher & Writing Lead.

How you can help

MATHS – We are very almost finished with our four operations unit and ready to move on to fractions. One thing that has become apparent and was a frequent discussion during parents evening was times tables and number bonds. In school, we cover times tables and basic skills everyday with morning tasks and times tables tests but it would be fantastic if the children could continue this at home with the help of fun, interactive and engaging sites such as:

www.sumdog.co.uk

www.TTRockstars.co.uk

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

ENGLISH – This half-term, we will be looking at the book 'The 1000 year old boy'. I think the children are going to really enjoy exploring the narrative of this ☺

PE- Our PE day is Friday, which will be led by the sports coach. Please ensure full PE uniform is worn on this day. Please also ensure that everything is labelled so that nothing goes missing. Swimming will also be continuing on a Wednesday. Children need to be in full school uniform on this day with their swimming kit in a bag.

HOMEWORK – This will be home reading and arithmetic. It must be returned every Monday and will be marked in class. Mrs Relton will be checking GoRead frequently☺.

