Viking Victories Raiding, Ruling and Resistance



Dates for your diary

Year 3 Mass 8th February

INSET Day 11th February

Compton Verney Visit Tuesday 1st March

> -World Book Day 3rd March

Parent Consultations 15th March Parent Consultations 16th March

End of Term 1st April

Happy New Year and Welcome back to our Spring Term 2022!

I hope you all had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and are all ready and eager to get back to learning! We are continuing to travel through in time to an exciting new adventure to when the Vikings first arrived in Britain! So we will 'Rise up, Have Courage and Do it' *Ezra 10:4*

At the heart of our learning this term will be the **Sacrament of the Eucharist.**

Our journey in faith will be developed with the themes of **Journeys, Listening and Sharing**. The children will learn about the journey and sacrifice that Jesus made as they deepen their knowledge of the Eucharist and the events of Holy Week during the theme of **Giving All**.

Our Other Faith study this term is **Judaism** and as we journey through Lent learning about the important events leading to Jesus' sacrifice, such as the Passover, Year 3 will re-enact The Resurrection Story early next term.



We will discover all about the Invasion of The Vikings and through History and Geography, deepen our understanding of timelines and changes in Britain! We will investigate why the Vikings have such a bad reputation and if recent excavations might lead us to change our opinions...

We plan to follow in the Viking tradition of story telling, becoming skalds (story tellers), writing mini-sagas and learning about Myths and Legends through some exciting and wonderful books, texts and film!

> A Bear Called Paddington



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Through our History topic we will learn about Viking's life first hand by taking part in a visit to Compton Verney and will develop our Forest School skills as we take part in a range of activities inspired by the lives of people in this time. In Geography, we will be learning about rivers and will do a field visit to Fairham Brook to explore this topic further.

In **Maths** we will be linking our **Science** work on The States of Matter and The Water Cycle which will involve some measuring and investigation. We will continue to master multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. We'll also be tackling shape, fractions and measurement (including time!) Our Coding activities will also link to this subject and History too.

We will continue our **French** lessons and develop our language skills though the themes of Food and Family. Miss Ferrara will continue to guide our children through our 'Come and See' topics in R.E, and will teach **Art** where we will be inspired by the work of artist Ben Mosely as we create our own colour wheels including tertiary colours and develop our printing skills. In Design and Technology, we will be investigating shell structures including packaging.

In P.E. we will begin Yoga lessons this half-term and next half-term the children will be brushing up on their football skills. On Fridays they will work with Mrs Bathgate in Dance. Please have P.E kits in on Monday through to Friday. We will be continue to work on our choir skills with Mr Treloar and have **Music** lessons with Mr Jones and Mrs Horner. Literally, an all-singing, all-dancing term!

How you can help

Reading, spellings and maths homework will continue to be set every week. Multiplication facts and number bonds should be practiced regularly. There could also be follow-up research in other areas if appropriate, a letter goes out every Thursday detailing home-work Information. Encourage your child to read daily and explain what they understand from the text.

Please make sure your child has their **P.E. kit** (black shorts, white tee-shirt and trainers or plimsolls) in school on **Mondays**. PE kit should stay in school all week.

Your child also needs a **painting apron/old shirt** in school to protect their uniform during art lessons. This should also remain on their in their bag all week.

Please check the Year 3 Web page brwacademy.com for updates & recommended websites. Support your child in blogging & posting comments, please ensure they **only** use their first name and their own school email address jbloggs@brw.nottingham.sch.uk

If you have any spare time and feel you could offer some specialist skills to enhance our learning this term, I'd love to hear from you!

We have a fantastic inspiring term to look forward to! If you have any queries please feel free to ask. Thank you for your continued support, I've been so impressed with the creative approaches and wonderful homework so far this year—I can't wait to see what this term holds!

Mrs Byrne