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### Year 5 Spring Term 1 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We have lots of exciting things planned for this term. The focus is historical and we will be learning about the Vikings.

**English** - In English we will be reading 'The Viking Boy'- a tale of revenge and action. This book gives us lots of opportunities for writing such as newspaper reports, diary entries, descriptions etc. This novel will develop our understanding further of the Viking culture. We will then move onto looking at Viking sagas and how these were important in the lives of the Vikings when they lived in Britain- our final piece of writing will be our own Viking saga.

**Maths** - In **Maths**, we will be continuing our focus on multiplication and division: multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, developing formal methods of calculation and applying these skills in lots of problem-solving tasks including area and perimeter work. From this, we will move on to written methods of multiplication and division.

**Science** - The focus of this half term is the properties of materials and how materials change. We will compare everyday materials, know some materials dissolve to create a solution and find out how to recover a substance from a solution. Also, we will decide how to separate mixtures through sieving, filtering and evaporating.

**History** - Our topic, by its nature, is based around history and we will be looking at Britain from 700-1100 AD - the time of the Vikings. We will be thinking about how the Vikings invaded and for what reasons and will also compare how life was back then to how it is now. This links well with the children's history topic last year - the Anglo-Saxons - and will help the children understand what time period we are talking about.

**Geography** - Our focus for this half term is to continue working on comparing Scandinavia with England. Our focus will be on physical and human features.

**RE** - In **RE** the children will learn what Christians believe about God and why the Bible is special to believers.

**ICT**- Children will create and code their own game using Kodu software.

**PHSCE** - This term, the children are focusing on how we can help in an accident and an emergency. Children will complete their own mini first aid workshop on the 12<sup>th</sup> January.

**Art** - We will be learning about Viking patterns. Children will use this as inspiration to create their own Viking silk art.

**DT** - In design technology, we will investigate, design, build and evaluate Viking long ships.

**Spanish** - Children will be introduced to the new topic of 'Weather'. They will learn how to read a weather map and describe the weather in Spain.





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**PE** - Our PE sessions will now be on a Monday and a Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure that the children have their kits in school with them on Monday for the duration of the week.



If you would like to discuss any aspects of the curriculum further, please don't hesitate to contact us on [y5cleves@cclt.education](mailto:y5cleves@cclt.education).

Yours sincerely

Mr Donohue and Mrs Brown

Year 5

