

# Year 6 Curriculum Information

## Term 1

### Welcome to Year 6!

The children have made a fantastic start to the new year. It has been lovely to see them return to school with smiles on their faces ready to learn.

If you have any questions please feel free to email us and we will do our very best to help.

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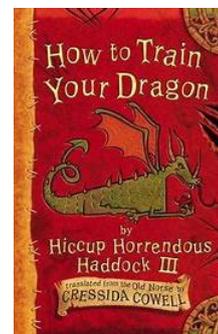
#### Term 1 Topic – ‘A Hiccup in Hastings!’

We will be reading the text ‘How To Train Your Dragon’.

The children will be finding out about the details of the Battle of Hastings and discussing the rightful heir to the throne.

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October, it will be the anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. **We will be having a topic day where we are inviting the children to dress up as either a Norman or an Anglo-Saxon.**

Please put this date in your diary. We will send an e-mail reminder nearer the time. We will be re-enacting the battle and carrying out some drama activities to bring the battle to life.



#### Maths

In Maths, our focus will be place value and the four operations (+, -, x, ÷). The materials we use include some recap lessons, to consolidate learning from the previous year. We trust this will prove helpful, given the disrupted nature of last year. Additionally we will practise times tables, fluency skills and the skills of each child's level for the 99 club.

#### English

Much of our written work will be based around our text. Pupils will be writing an information page and a newspaper report as well as writing poetry. Children will also be learning spelling, grammar and punctuation skills required as part of the Year 6 curriculum.

#### Reading

As well as reading ‘How to train your dragon’ within class, children should be reading their school reading book every day. Our focus is on reading for pleasure and we will begin the year by promoting our year group ‘Essential Reads’. We have an extensive fiction library from which children are welcome to borrow books. In addition, children can practise their comprehension skills, using Bug Club.

### History

In line with our topic, children will be learning about the Anglo-Saxon and Norman struggle for the throne after the death of Edward the Confessor. We will be looking at the routes of invasion by the Normans. We link to British Values when studying the invasion.

### Art

We will be developing our drawing skills and drawing from still life. We will also be completing some painting and printing based on our still life drawings.

### Science

In science we are learning about electricity. The children will be experimenting with circuits and finding out how to draw a circuit diagram. This term, we will be taking part in the 'Roar Enterprise Project 2021' which is a regional event. The children will be working in teams to create a useful invention which could 'change the world'. We will be running a year group competition and the winner will go forward to a regional final in December against other schools.

### Computing

The children will be reviewing their knowledge of E-safety, learning to use technology respectfully and responsibly, as well as ways to report concerns. They will also be learning to collect, record, analyse and present data relating to e-safety topics.

### RSHE

We will be carrying out some work on 'Rights and Responsibilities'. This will incorporate school rules and will link with the rule of law in British Values.

### PE

Our main PE slot is on a Friday afternoon and will be outside. Children should come to school dressed in their school PE kit. This should be suitable for the weather. Children will stay in their PE kit for the whole day. On a Monday, children will have a dance session. They can wear normal uniform for this but they do need to have a pair of plimsolls or trainers to change into for dance.

### PPA

The children will be having lessons in computing, dance and music during these times. PPA will be on a Monday afternoon.

### GROWTH MINDSET

Our whole school learning power for the autumn term is Engagement and our character that represents that learning behaviour is Barney the owl.



**I come into school each morning ready to work.**

**I can concentrate on my work for a sustained period of time.**

**I have a positive attitude to my own learning and towards other people's learning.**

## Learning behaviour in Year 6

Our motto is:

**It's ok if you don't know**

**But it's not ok if you don't try!**

Making mistakes help us learn and thoughts help us grow.

Remind your child that: "I can't do it," does not exist. Encourage them to think:

"I can't do it.... Yet!"

### What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?



## Homework

- We will set homework on a Friday, starting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September.
- Homework will be set via Google Classroom. The children will be bringing home their new Google Classroom log in shortly so please look out for that.
- We will be emailing the list of words for Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 from the National Curriculum. These are for your reference and the children can refer to them when completing their written homework tasks. These are also contained within the resources folder on Google Classroom.
- The children will be given 10 weekly spellings via their Google Classroom account. These will need to be practised at home. These words will relate to our spelling work in class and will be tested each week.
- Children are expected to read every night for approximately 20 minutes.
- Children need to practise their times tables through the use of Times Table Rock Stars. We will have a practise session in school once a week. We would recommend at least one additional session at home over the course of a week.
- Each term it is expected that the children create a piece of homework linked to their topic. This will be to develop skills other than English and maths and should be completed by the end of the term. **For term 1, we would like the children to make a model of either a Saxon or Norman soldier.** Think carefully about the armour and weaponry which your model may need. Please send your models in for display.