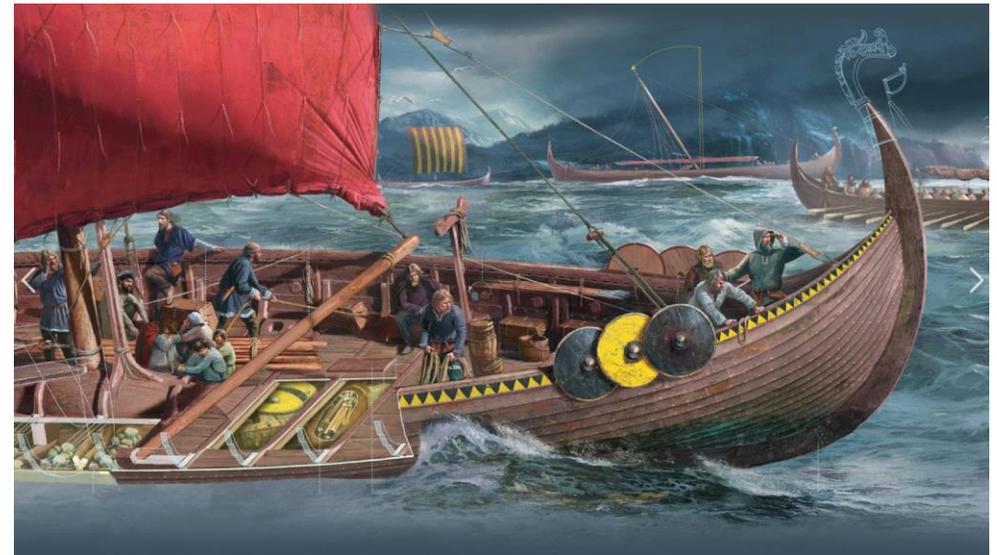


Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Information for Parents
Summer Term 2020

The Vikings



Neptune Class
Mrs Reynolds

Challenge, Creativity, Compassion: Create a pure heart in me - Psalm 51:10

Dear Parents and children

Welcome to a new term of learning. We are having to be very adaptable and so, whether we are working from home or hopefully back in school, here is our summer programme.

Our topic for this term is The Vikings, which will be taught in a cross-curricular manner. In topic, we will be analysing information to understand more about this period in history - focusing on the lives of the Vikings, their inventions and the impact of their raids on the Anglo-Saxon people in Britain, including using maps to help us understand the reach of invasions, through studying place names. Later in the term, we are hoping to have a visit from a Viking specialist and we will also study the Viking settlement 'Jorvik' using online resources.

In English, we will begin by reading the epic poem Beowulf in narrative form, basing our grammar and writing activities around this exciting story of conflict and bravery. Later we will look some examples of the original poem and write our own poetry, both in narrative and kenning form. We would like you to maintain a focus on daily spelling practice and handwriting. Please do practice your spellings every day in the way we have practised in school - look, read, cover, write, check - and use this opportunity to produce your neatest handwriting, moving on to new spellings once you have spelled them correctly three times. Once we are back in the classroom, we will look forward to seeing your results and progress.

Maths for this term will focus on ratio, properties of shape, statistics and problem solving. We will be using and applying mathematical skills through practical activities, problem solving, formal written methods and mental maths skills. Please support your child in revising their times tables daily. Upper Key Stage 2 maths requires a secure knowledge of tables before future skills can be developed. Whether we are in school or at home, it is important to access RM Maths on a daily basis to keep fluency in key maths skills going. Likewise, a daily revision task has been set on MyMaths.

Our science will focus on the solar system, including the Earth, Sun, Moon and other planets. As well as studying the movement of the planets, we will learn

about the sun and how the Earth's movement can help us tell the time, by creating sun dials. We will consider the development of theories about the solar system over time, including researching Copernicus. Finally, we will think about the role of space research and study the life of astronauts Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.

PSHE this term will focus on our individual responsibility to keep physically and mentally fit, before going on to look at British Values and compare how our current democracy compares to the society of the Viking era. In R.E. will be studying the practice of Buddhism in everyday life, looking at key festivals and texts. We will then move on to study Humanism in comparison to key world religions. After half-term, we will study the impact of King Cnut on early Christianity. In computing, we will be understanding how research online can support learning, whilst in French, we will re-capping on numbers, learning how to talk about ourselves and writing sentences. In music, we will be encountering the music of Sibelius before researching the pitch of different instruments, focusing on the brass and string families. In art, we will study Viking art in the form of carvings and embroidery of the Bayeux Tapestry.

Whilst the school is temporarily closed, we will continue to issue fortnightly learning packs and revision tasks on MyMaths; this will also encompass homework activities. We thank those of you who have been accessing this work every day - we are checking online to see who has been completing their daily tasks and are very proud of those of you who are doing so. **Please make every effort to keep up with every day's learning activities.** We also encourage you to keep fit at home. Thousands of children are joining a HIIT session with Joe Wicks every weekday between 9-9:30am on YouTube and we will be delighted to see your fitness progress when you return to school.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns which you cannot resolve, do not hesitate to contact me, via the school office. We are very grateful to all our families and grown-ups for your support in helping the children to continue making progress during these unprecedented times.

Mrs Reynolds