



## Last Half Term

Last half term we loved our Viking topic, especially the trip to Jorvik where we had a fun day learning all about the history of York, being archaeologists and digging up ancient objects, and experiencing what life was like in Viking times. We also worked really hard to get our Viking sagas ready to perform in our assembly and tried our hand at different Viking-themed activities on Viking Day.

In English, we jumped right in with a mystery narrative, including suspense, speech and clues to solve. Next, we worked together on a collaborative playscript which we then performed to Year 4 classes and some in Phase assembly.

## Useful information

PE days:

Y5KB: Monday and Tuesday

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Please bring PE kits every week, and remember that hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery is to be worn.

PPA: Thursday afternoon

Snacks are to be brought into classroom to keep in drawer.

## Key dates for the year

- Y5/6 Reading Workshop – Wednesday 19th November
- Wonderdome visit in school: 5<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Open classroom: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- Y5 Parent/ carer Evenings: 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Eyam visit: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

## How to support your child at home

Home learning will be set each Friday and is expected to be completed by the following Thursday. A description of the task will be in each child's home learning book and in most cases, home learning is to be completed in the home learning book.

Other home learning tasks will include:

- Timestable Rockstar
- Reading
- Spelling revision
- Spag.com

## Home learning

Maths, English and Project. Maths will include a modelled example.

There will also be optional tasks for the children to complete linked to our projects. Our project this half term is: What is the Solar System and how does it affect Day and Night?



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### Life Skills –

#### Why do some people get married?

- To understand why some people get married.
- To appreciate that not everyone wants to get married.
- To know that forced marriage is illegal.

#### Are families ever perfect?

- To identify the positive features that should be present in a family
- To learn how to disagree with respect
- To know the difference between secrets and surprises (when to break confidentiality)
- Understand the concept of consent

### Maths

This half term we will look at fractions, including equivalent and improper fractions, as well as ordering, comparing, adding, and subtracting fractions.

### Spanish

Vamos a aprender...las mascotas! We're going to learn about pets!

### Computing

We will build Lego robots and program and debug them using our problem-solving skills to improve our designs.

### English –

Reading – The whole class reading book is the Jamie Drake Equation by Christopher Edge which links to their Science project about Space. The children will delve deeply into character and setting and consider family relationships and how change can impact life. They will also look at a variety of short texts linked to the wider curriculum, these will support their reading fluency and comprehension skills development. They will also look at poetry by Malory Blackman.

Writing – This half term the children will write an application letter to NASA, focussing on formal language. They will also write a non-chronological report based on the imaginary planet of Pandora.

**RE** Christianity - Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?

### Science

Our project question is: What is the solar system and how does it affect night and day around the world?

We will look at night and day, the phases of the moon, the seasons, and the solar system

**Geography – What is it like to live at different latitudes?**

We will be learning about the lines of latitude and longitude and how they affect time zones and climate, and the 8 points of a compass.

We will compare the UK to places at different latitudes and practise our graph-drawing skills and see the

**Music** Linking to our project of the solar system we will be looking at ostinato rhythms in Holst's The Planets.

### PE

**Game:** Football and Handball

**Hook:** Ultimate Frisbee

### Design Technology

We will be using our textile knowledge to design fabric keyrings. This will include running stitch and backstitch to create felt keyrings to take home.