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### Topic – Were the Vikings Always Victorious and Vicious?

We will begin by discussing the questions that we want to explore throughout this topic. The children will have opportunities to develop their historical enquiry skills and develop an understanding of this significant period in British history. The children will formulate their own questions in relation to what they want to find out and will have opportunities to reflect on their learning at the end of the topic. Children will focus on a historical study on Britain's settlement by the Vikings – Viking invasions and settlements. We will be thinking specifically about: Who were the Vikings and what impact they had on Britain today.

### Science – How Can You Light Up Your Life?

During this science topic, Y5 will use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain how objects are seen and investigate this. They will investigate into how shadows are formed and have the same shape as the object that cast them, what happens to the shadows of an opaque object when the distance from the light source is changed and the effect of different materials on shadows. They will build on their understanding about shadows, reflection and light sources.

#### French –

Healthy Eating - The children will explore French through a variety of games, lots of opportunity for speaking and listening and role play

#### PSHE –

Our topic in PSHE is Challenging discrimination. We are also looking at anti-bullying.

#### Music

Music will link with our topic work. The children will be creating dragon themed music to compliment the Viking topic we are covering in

#### RE –

This term we are exploring Judaism.

#### PE –

PE is on a Wednesday afternoon each week.

For the next 12 weeks Y5 will take part in the School of Military.

See the letter provided last week regarding the type of clothing required.

#### English -

The children will be looking at a mystery story- Water Tower and poetry with a different writing outcome focus and opportunity for cross-curricular writing.

#### Maths-

Children will be investigating problems, and using and applying the skills they have learned. They will also be applying efficient written methods for the four operations and understanding fractions.

### Homework

**Your child should read their school book at least three times a week, this is very important.** Diaries are required to be signed following every read, by an adult.

**Books will only be changed if placed in the book tray in class. Please remind your child to do so regularly on a Monday morning. The three reads must be completed between Monday to Monday.**

All homework is sent home on a **Friday**. Times tables will be completed once per fortnight, alternating with Spelling. These will be completed on Wednesdays.

- **Times Tables** - Should be practised every night, ready for the test once a fortnight on a Wednesday.
- **Spellings** – Should be practised on a frequent basis, ready for a test once a fortnight on a Wednesday.
- **Subject related piece of homework** - This should be returned to school by the following Friday.

**Diaries are required to be in school every day.**