



**Year 5 Spring Term Letter**

Dear Parents,

Eyes on the horizon, hide your gold, protect your monasteries - the Vikings are coming!

Thank you so much for our Christmas gifts - all the Year 5 team really appreciate your generosity. We hope you had a good Christmas break, and your children are now looking forward to the exciting activities planned for this term, based on our topic - The Vikings.

	Spring Term - The Vikings	
	Spring 1	Spring 2
<b>Class Novel</b>	<i><b>The Clockwork Crow*</b></i> *children may have their own copy but please do not read ahead.	<i><b>The Girl Who Stole An Elephant*</b></i> *children may have their own copy but please do not read ahead.
<b>English</b>	Traditional stories - Beowulf Discussion - Should Vikings have a bad reputation?	Instructions - How to survive an Earthquake; Poetry Free Verse - The Lost Words.
<b>Maths</b>	Short division; Area and scaling; Calculating with decimal fractions; Factors, multiples and primes.	
<b>Science</b>	Properties and changes of materials.	
<b>History</b>	The Vikings – ruthless killers or peaceful settlers?	
<b>Geography</b>	Volcanoes and Earthquakes	
<b>Computing</b>	Scratch: Selection in quizzing	Vector drawing - using digital drawing packages
<b>RE</b>	Beliefs in Christianity and Islam through music and art.	Resurrection
<b>PSHE</b>	Health and wellbeing	
<b>Art/DT</b>	Art: Craft and Design: Architecture	DT: Electrical Systems
<b>PE</b>	Hockey (Monday) Dodgeball (Tuesday)	Gymnastics (Monday) Basketball (Tuesday)
<b>Music</b>	Easter Performance Songs	
<b>French</b>	Pets	

**Homework**

Homework will continue to be handed in every Thursday. Maths will continue to be a sheet stuck in their book and Grammar will be the listed pages inside the front cover of the CGP book.

### **Save the date!**

**12th February** - Road Safety from Essex County Council - children will be taken on a short road safety walk by the Essex Road Safety team. No parent help needed.

**13th March, all day** - Viking Day in-school visit from History off the page - more details at a later date but we will need 10 parent helpers for this visit to happen. If you know you can help on this day, please email us to let us know!

**31st March 2pm** - Year 5 Easter performance (2 adult seats per child). More details and timings to follow. Children can be taken home after via google form permission.

### **Year 5 and 6 words**

The National Curriculum sets out a list of words that children should be able to spell by the end of Year 6. This term we are focusing on this group of words from the Year 5 and 6 set:

**09.01.25** *aggressive, ancient, curiosity* **16.01.25** *forty, soldier, twelfth* **23.01.25** *cemetery, committee, bruise* **30.01.25** *muscle, harass, desperate* **06.02.24** *appreciate, profession, guarantee* **13.02.25** *foreign, according* **27.2.23** *recognise, exaggerate* **06.03.25** *thorough average* **13.03.25** *necessary, especially* **20.03.25** *dictionary, occupy* **27.03.25** *environment, secretary* **03.04.25** *pronunciation*

We will be focusing on these words each week in class and using them in our writing. Please test your children on our focus words as it will help them retain the correct spelling.

### **Spring Term Recommendations - The Vikings**

**Books:** Viking Boy by Tony Bradman, Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo, Riddle of the Runes by Janina Ramirez, Defenders: Killing Ground by Tom Palmer, She Wolf by Dan Smith, Viking Tales: The Battle for the Viking Gold by Terry Deary, How to be a Hero by Cat Weldon, So You Think You've Got It Bad? A Kid's Life as a Viking by Chae Strathie.

**Websites:** <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/vikings/>

Please do email us at [year5@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:year5@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk), if you can help at any of our events or if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Briggs Mrs Spilling