

# Upper Key Stage 2



## Spring Term 2018

Welcome back to school! We hope you and your family had a lovely Christmas and New year!

If you would like to know anything about the UKS2 routines, please do not hesitate to speak to their class teacher.

### UKS 2 Team

Class 10	Miss Carey
Class 11	Mr Dickinson and Mr Todd
Class 12	Mrs Atherton
Classroom Support	Mrs. Maloney
	Mrs. McGurk

### Topics for this term will include the following:

<u>Science</u>	Evolution and Inheritance
<u>Topic</u>	The Vikings
<u>R.E</u>	Islam - How Muslims express their beliefs through practices
<u>Art /DT</u>	Design, create and build a Viking longhouse
<u>Music</u>	Choir/ The study of musical instruments made by the Vikings for celebrations
<u>PSHE</u>	Health
<u>ICT</u>	Introduction to coding /programming/algorithms/sequencing
<u>MFL</u>	French - 'Lets Visit France'

P.E. Lessons Children are expected to bring P.E. kit for their lessons. They need-

Indoor- white t-shirt and shorts, pumps which should already be in school.

Outdoor- as above plus sweatshirt, tracksuit bottoms and trainers during colder weather.

Please ensure your child's name is in their jumper/cardigan as they can easily get mixed up when the children change for P.E.

In addition, please also ensure that if your child has pierced ears that they are either able to remove earrings before a P.E lesson or that they wear plasters over their earrings to minimise the chance of any accidents during a P.E lesson.

**Class 10** - Monday (Swimming) Thursday (PE)

**Class 11** - Friday (PE)

**Class 12** - Tuesday (PE)

### **Snack Money**

Water bottles can be bought in class on Monday morning 50p.

Fruit/healthy snack are available daily. Children bring 10-20p if they would like a snack that day.

### **Homework**

Please ensure that you look at and sign your child's homework diary weekly.

There will be an English task, maths task and spellings to practise.

Homework is an opportunity to practise and consolidate skills. Homework sent home is specific to your child's ability and therefore they should be able to complete work with minimum help from you, however your support would be appreciated.

Please encourage your child to sit at a table if possible and avoid distractions, point out the importance of neatly presented work and encourage them to concentrate. Do the work and then relax!

### **Homework Timetable**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 12 Mrs Atherton	Spellings				Maths English (SPAG)
Class 11 Mr Dickinson					Maths English (SPAG)

Mr Todd					Spellings
Class 10					Spellings
Miss Carey					Maths
					English
<b>All Year 5 and 6 children should read regularly and know all their times tables 1-12</b>					

### **Book bags**

All children have a book bag which we ask is brought to school every day and taken home every night. The homework diary (orange) is kept in this bag.

This helps to develop organisational skills and ensures letters etc. arrive home safely. Please do not forget to check the book bag on a regular basis.

### **Below is list of activities to support your child whilst at home.**

- \*Helping your child to practise their spellings.
- \*Ensure homework is returned on time.
- \*Listen to them read
- \*Talking to them about what they have learnt at school.
- \*Talking to them about time-When do we eat breakfast? How long their favourite TV programme lasts etc.

### **Important Dates**

**On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February- UKS2 Viking day-** The Upper Junior children will be taking part in a variety of activities- making clay pottery, weaving Viking baskets, designing and building a Viking longboat. In addition to this, we will also be lucky enough to have a Viking come to visit us for the day. He will talk to the children, show them Viking artefacts, lead in role play sessions and will generally give us much more of an insight into the daily life of a Viking.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with either myself or your child's class teacher.

**Thank-you for your continued support,**

**Miss G Carey**

**UKS2 Lead**

