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## Welcome back to the last term of Year 3!

I hope you have had a lovely Easter break and are ready to hit the ground running during the summer term! We have had a brilliant two terms and we know this one will also be fun-filled and hard-working!



## Our Topics



This term our theme is ***Vicious Vikings and Savage Saxons***. We have already watched clips of 'Horrible Histories' as a hook into the topic and the children have been busy researching and creating a Viking Fact File! During topic lessons, the children will mainly study the History of early invaders, where they came from and why. We will also focus on the raid on Lindisfarne and write a newspaper report about this barbaric attack on the Monastery. During the second half of the term we are off to York to visit the Jorvik centre and Viking dig to learn about these early invaders. The children are most excited about the ride in the Jorvik centre as they can see Vikings in action!

Mathematics sessions will continue to develop the children's number sense; applying methods independently for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication in a range of different opportunities and mastery. We will also continue to deepen the understandings of mathematics through problem solving and reasoning activities.

In English, we will be starting the term with an adventure story based on 'Kidnapped' by Pie Corbett. We will then move onto an explanation text called 'The Teacher-Pleaser machine' and the children will be designing and explaining their own machines with a focus on causal conjunctions and paragraphing. We will also study 'performance poetry' and poets, in particular Michael Rosen, who performs poems that will have the children in fits of laughter. His expression and use of voices really bring the poetry to life and the children will be creating their own poetry to perform just like Michael.



## Homework



Children will continue to receive weekly homework in Year 3. This will be set on a Friday in both classes and will consist of a piece of GPS (grammar, punctuation & spelling) dictation and a maths activity in the homework diary. The maths activity will be a piece work that is related to what we have been learning throughout the week. We will also still set Mathematics homework if you wish your



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child to have extra practice and they will have kept their previous log on and password, however we will send this home again if you have lost it. Completion of the maths homework and the GPS test will occur on the following Friday. Please help your child to be prepared and give them a prompt to ensure they have their Homework Diary in school every Thursday so they can be checked and marked for the following day.

Where possible encourage your child to read daily at home, even if it is just 5 minutes squeezed in. It doesn't have to be their book from school, it could be a magazine, comic, annual or anything else they enjoy. Times table games would also help, as the children are currently working on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables this year.

## Swimming & PE



Just a reminder that Brisbane and Sydney have swimming on Friday and outdoor PE on Wednesday. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for ensuring they have the required kit in school. They should have a white t-shirt and blue/black shorts or jogging bottoms with trainers or pumps for outside. It is suggested that children with earrings leave them out for that day.

**Water bottles** – children are allowed to have water bottles in class as it is good for them to keep hydrated throughout the day. However, they should only contain water: no juice please!

## Class Dojo

As part of the school's Behaviour Policy we are really excited to be continuing with Class Dojo. By connecting with Class Dojo you are able to see when your child has received a dojo, as well as keep up to date with events in class through Our Class Story.



If you have any questions please do not hesitate in coming in to speak to us. Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Wilcox and Miss Davies

