



# Zephaniah Class News

## Welcome Back!

I hope you had a restful half term break. Our big question driving our learning this half term is 'How did life change once the Vikings invaded?' We will be basing a lot of our learning around this exciting topic.

## What we are learning....

### Science

This half term we will be learning about 'Sound'. We will be learning how sound travels, how it can be changed and how the ear works. Our key scientist is Alexander Graham Bell and we will be learning about his important work.

### Maths

This half term we will be completing our Multiplication Check. We will also be learning how to tell the time. This includes converting analogue to digital, using the 24-hour clock and solving problems relating to time. We will also be learning about shapes, including identifying triangles and quadrilaterals, comparing angles and symmetry. In addition, we will be learning to interpret data and draw line graphs as part of our 'Statistics' topic. Our final block of learning is 'Position and Direction'.

### English

We are currently enjoying reading 'The House at the Edge of Magic' by Amy Sparkes. Our library day is Friday and each child will have the opportunity to change their reading for pleasure book if they would like to. This is also the day that we will change reading scheme books if your child has one of these. Please make sure your child brings their reading book every day as we will hear them read throughout the week.

We will be writing an explanation text about our Science topic, explaining how sound travels and how the ear works. We will also be learning about important Viking figures and writing biographies about them.

## Homework

- It is important that your child practises their times tables at home, either on TT Rockstars or Purple Mash or even by writing them out or saying them out loud. By the end of Year 4, we need to be fluently recalling all our times tables facts and corresponding division facts all the way to 12 x 12. Practising them at home for 10 minutes each day will help make maths easier for your child. If your child does not know them and has not been practising, they will be invited to attend maths club on a Wednesday lunchtime in order to practise them.
- Another essential skill to practise at home is reading, whether it is the book they bring home from school or one you have at home. Again, little and often is the best way to help your child.



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- Remember to practise your spellings on EdShed each week. I will set a new word list with challenges and games each week and will be monitoring who is accessing this at home. 10 minutes 3 times a week is ideal to support your child's spelling knowledge. I will set a list on Friday this week and children will have a week to complete at least 5 games.

### Messages

- Our P.E. sessions will now be on a Monday. Your child will either go swimming or participate in a P.E. lesson at school. All children should come in P.E. kit and, if they are going swimming, bring a towel and swimming kit.
- Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school, it is important that they keep hydrated throughout the day.
- Remember that Wednesday is our music lesson day. If your child has taken a ukulele home to practise, they need to bring it in each Wednesday.
- If your child has a reading scheme book, please bring it in to school each day as we will read with them throughout the week. These will be changed on a Friday.

### Dates for the Diary

Monday 12/06/23 Class photos

Thursday 22/06/23 Sports Day (AM - EYFS and KS1, PM - KS2)

Monday 26/06/23 Open Classrooms 3pm

Wednesday 28/06/23 Non-uniform day - please bring chocolate for the chocolate tombola at the summer fair

Friday 30/06/23 Summer fair 3.15pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 05/07/23 and Thursday 06/07/23 Moving-up days - children to spend the days in their new classes

Tuesday 18/07/23 Class Trip to Murton Park

Thursday 20/07/23 Overnight camping on the field

Tuesday 25/07/23 Break up