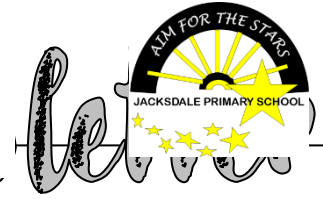


Autumn

# Year 6



WELCOME TO YEAR 6:

Welcome back to the 2024-25 school year, and welcome to Year 6 (the best year!)

Mr Barber will be teaching Monday – Wednesday and Fridays; Miss Wilkinson will be teaching all day on Thursdays. Mrs Copeland will be supporting in class every day.

## What are we up to?

### English

In our guided reading lessons, we are studying the novel 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman. We will be studying lots of vocabulary, particularly vocabulary specific to the Viking period. In our writing lessons, we are currently focussing on descriptive writing and sentence structure. Our first piece of independent writing will be a piece of descriptive writing about a Viking setting. Future units this term will include a narrative piece and a biased or balanced argument considering whether the Viking justice system was fair or not.

### Maths

We follow the White Rose scheme for maths and our first unit will be on place value, followed by work on addition and subtraction. Children will be able to access Times Table Rock Stars at home and will have their log in details shortly.

### Topic

We're very excited to start our new history based topic, 'The Vikings.' We will investigate the perception of the Vikings and consider how they gained their reputation. We will look into everyday Viking life and learn about their travels and trades with other countries and cultures. After half term, we will be visiting the Jorvik Viking Centre in York after half term: more details about this shortly. Our Art unit this half term will involve developing our watercolour skills, with the children producing a watercolour painting of a Viking longboat on the ocean. Our geography lessons will see us learn about the water cycle and study rivers. In PE, we will be developing lots of skills, including catching, throwing and balance, and then putting these into practice in games. We will introducing the children to orienteering as part of our PE lessons, using the courses we have on the school site, the welfare and the nature reserve.

## UNIFORM, P.E. KIT

Please ensure that the children are wearing correct school uniform and this is labelled with their name – particularly jumpers, cardigans and coats! We understand that there are times where exceptions need to be made but please make us aware of this.

Our PE session this year will be on Mondays (indoor) and Wednesdays (outdoor). We ask them children come to school in PE kit on these days

# HOMework

Reading is such an important life skill, and it is essential that the children are reading regularly at home. We know that weekday evenings are busy, but please try to ensure that the children read at least 3 times a week with an adult at home and this is recorded in their reading planner. Also, please encourage your child to discuss the book they are reading with you.

Spellings are sent home from school every Monday. There will be a test of these spellings each Friday. The spellings given are based on the spelling rules and patterns from the National Curriculum. When the children come to take their SATs in the summer, they will sit a spelling paper and the spellings will be based on these same rules and patterns so as much practice as possible will be hugely beneficial. Children can use the Spelling Shed website to practise their spellings at home.

Children in Year 6 must know as many of their times tables up to 12 x 12 as possible. To support this, all children have a login to the Times Tables Rock Stars website on which they can practice and improve their times tables skills.



## Keep in touch!

As always, this term is set to be a very busy one so make sure to keep an eye out for emails and updates on the website.

We use the Marvellous Me APP to share positive messages with you. Look out for a joining code coming home soon!

There is always a member of staff at the gate at the beginning of the day so please feel free to pass on any important messages. Class teachers will be on the playground at the end of the day but it is important that we are able to release pupils to their adults safely so please be patient if you need to speak with us. If you need a face to face meeting, please call the office to arrange an appointment.

## Dates for your diary

19<sup>th</sup> September – individual photos

27<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee morning

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 6 parents SATs meeting (9 & 3:45)

15<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> October – Parents evening

18<sup>th</sup> October – Non-uniform day (£1 donation)