

## Birkwood Primary School

### Year 3 Newsletter - Spring Term 2012

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you and your family. Many thanks for your good wishes, Christmas cards and gifts. We have had a hard working and exciting start to 2012 in class 3! I really do value your support. Please continue to help your child to learn weekly spellings, complete maths homework and share their reading book regularly.

Please support your child in the following areas...

#### **English**

We will be making links between our History topic "The Vikings" and English as much as possible. We will also be looking at describing characters in stories, exciting openings to our writing and presenting instructions. Comprehension activities will help show that your child understands what they are reading.

Please listen to your child read.

Spellings will be given on a Monday and your child will have a spelling quiz on Friday morning.

#### **Maths**

Topics include place value, rounding, addition and subtraction (using mathematical language), multiplication, problem solving involving money, time, and shape.

Mental Maths quiz is on Friday morning.

Your child will be given Maths homework on a Friday. This will be directly linked to the topics covered in class during that week.

We are working hard to improve our times tables this term. Woodlands school website has some excellent activities to support this.

**ICT**

Using ICT to present information.  
Using websites for Viking research (BBC Primary History, Horrible Histories)

**History****The Vikings**

Exploring questions such as: Where did the Vikings come from? How did they invade other countries? Why is York (Jorvik) of such importance?

**D/T**

The children will design and make a Viking shield. They will be encouraged to select appropriate materials independently.

**Music**

- \*Familiar and new songs and rhymes.
- \*Simple and complex rhythms.
- \*Basic notation.

**RE**

- \*Respecting other cultures and religions.
- \*Buddhism- a clear understanding of the Buddhist faith.

**Art**

- \*Clay models of Viking artefacts.
- \*Collage Longboat to be displayed in the classroom.
- \*Viking jewellery using beads.

**PE**

- \*Specialist dance lessons from Mrs. Porter.
- \*PE-the movements of a Viking oarsman (stretching, pulling, reaching,)

**Well-being**

- \*Setting ourselves targets.
- \* Supporting and encouraging others.

Reminder: PE lessons are Monday and Friday. Your child will require their full kit on these days. No jewellery please.

Your child is encouraged to bring their reading book home each day and return it to school the following morning. Please write in your child's reading record when you listen to them read.

Maths homework is sent home on a Friday and should be completed and back in school by the following Thursday morning. The homework is always closely linked to the maths topic that we have studied during the week. Homework Club is held in the computer suite on Wednesday lunchtime. Your child can choose to complete their homework, with support from Mrs Exley and me, during this time.

The children are very much looking forward to sharing a class assembly with you on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March; it was lovely to see so many of you supporting the children during our previous class assembly and we hope to see you at 2.45pm on the day. Thank you.

I am always happy for you to contact me with any queries.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs E. Sutton Year 3 Class Teacher  
Mrs. J. Whitfield and Mrs L Taylor Cover Supervisors