

# UKS2 Newsletter

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## What an exciting term!

We have had a great term learning more about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We have discovered more about their settlements as well as key people within this time. We have been busy creating Anglo-Saxon inspired press prints – we can't wait to do the final print! In English, we have been blown away by the quality of writing. Please do come into the classrooms and take a look!

We are really excited to be heading out on a school trip in January. Our day at 'We The Curious' is going to be packed full of fun and new experiences. We will pay a visit to the planetarium and take part in a workshop focusing on 'Evolution and Inheritance' as well as exploring all of the exhibits on both floors of the centre.

Miss Campbell, Mrs Nunn, Mr Stephenson and Mrs Wilson.

## Class Assemblies

**Thank you so much to everyone who supported us during our class assemblies this term. Ash and Sycamore class had such fun preparing their learning to showcase for you and we hope you enjoyed sharing in their experiences. Elm class – we can't wait to see what you have to share next term!**

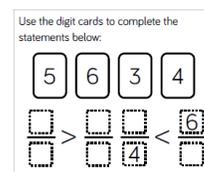
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### Maths

In Year 6 Maths this term, we have been busy securing our knowledge of different calculation strategies. These methods are key in ensuring your child has the foundations for other aspects of maths. Please encourage them to practise at home. We have also begun to look at the many fractions objectives in the year 6 curriculum. Here is one of the problems we have been looking at:



In Year 5 Maths, we have been exploring different units of measure. We have embraced the outdoors and used a range of measuring resources to focus on what different units of imperial and metric measure might be used for and then we have come back into the classroom to use our research to complete a range of problem-solving activities.



## English

During Term 2, Year 5 and 6 have fully immersed themselves into our exciting class text, 'Eric the Viking'. We have successfully used the ideas and language of the story to create our own versions and now are busily creating a newspaper report about the mysterious disappearance of Erik! We look forward to seeing the completed reports later in the week!

Next term, our class text will be 'Pig Heart Boy'. We will be writing a discussion text about xenotransplantation, drawing on our scientific knowledge and our learning from this text. We will also write a narrative with a flash back. We will continue to apply our grammar skills from Term 1 and 2, as well as explore more complex punctuation and development of rich vocabulary.

## Anglo-Saxon Houses

To end our topic we combined our Design Technology and Science learning to make Anglo-Saxon and modern day houses. The modern day ones had to be well insulated to mirror what we had learnt about insulators and conductors in science. Most of us used clay; some of us even went a step further and used cotton wool to represent layer of insulation used nowadays. The Anglo-Saxon ones were made from outdoor, natural resources that we collected in our teams. The results were fantastic and we are all extremely proud of what was achieved!

## A Big Thank you!

On behalf of all of Year 6 and the teaching team, we would like to extend a huge thanks to the Friends of Bowsland Green for their support in making and selling Christmas items to raise money for our Leaver's Trip! We are hoping that it will be one to remember with all of the hard work and teamwork that has gone into it!

## PE Kit Reminder

**Please ensure your child has the following for PE.**

**A white t-shirt/ polo shirt, navy shorts, white socks and black trainers or daps. During the colder weather, your child can wear a dark coloured tracksuit to ensure they are warm enough when doing PE outside.**

## The Daily Mile

**Approximately 17 laps of the playground equals one mile. As a learning break or to kick start the day, we head out into the playground and complete as many laps as we can!**

All of Upper Key Stage 2 have been enjoying learning about a new sport – Gaelic football! Liam, a qualified Gaelic football coach, has been instructing and teaching all of the children how to play. Gaelic football is similar to regular football with the exception of you being able to use your hands to pass! Now that we've had a few weeks of sessions, ask your children for a demonstration of how to play!

## Upcoming dates:

**Term starts:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
**Road Safety:** Sessions between 11<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> January  
**Elm Class Assembly:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 3pm.  
**School trip to 'We the Curious':** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January  
**Term ends:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
**INSET day:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February