

# Owls Class

## Important information



### Autumn term theme: Vicious Vikings

We will have a joint focus of History and Geography throughout this term.

If the children would like to bring any books, artefacts or information that could help us with our topic, this would be great but please make sure they are clearly labelled so they can be returned and be used safely in line with current guidance.

#### Children's Questions

Who killed the Vikings?  
 How long did the Vikings live for?  
 How did they survive?  
 Why did the Vikings invade?  
 Did the Vikings have pets?  
 Why didn't the Vikings have horns on their helmets?  
 Why were they called the Vikings?

Who was the last king in the Viking era?  
 Who was the first Viking?  
 Why did they choose to invade Britain?  
 Who was the last Viking?  
 How long did it take to travel to Britain?  
 How many countries did the Vikings invade?  
 When were the Vikings around?  
 What was Viking medicine like? Did they have any?

#### Other Information (trips and events)

##### AUTUMN TERM 2021

Thurs 2nd September 2021 - Children in Years 1-6 start school  
 Thur 21st October 2021 - Children finish at normal time for half term  
 (Half Term - Friday 22nd October to Friday 29th October 2021)  
 Mon 1st November 2021 - Children return to school  
 Mon 6th December 2021—INSET Day - School closed  
 Fri 17th December 2021 - Last day of Autumn term - Children finish at 1pm  
 (Christmas holidays - Mon 20th December 2021 to Mon 3rd January 2022)  
 Tues 4th January 2022 - INSET Day - School closed

##### SPRING TERM 2022

Wed 5th January 2022 - Children return to school

# Owls Autumn Term Overview

## Vicious Vikings



<p><b>English</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "I was there...Viking Invasion" by Stuart Hill</li> <li>• To Asgard! Poetry</li> <li>• Viking Sagas</li> </ul>	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number and Place Value</li> <li>• Addition and Subtraction</li> <li>• Statistics</li> <li>• Multiplication and Division</li> <li>• Perimeter and Area</li> </ul>	<p><b>Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Living Things and Their Habitats</li> <li>• Animals, Including Humans</li> </ul>
<p><b>Computing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Safety and Exploring Purple Mash</li> <li>• Concept Maps</li> <li>• Game Creator</li> </ul>	<p><b>DT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Let's Go Fly a Kite'</li> </ul>	<p><b>Art</b></p> <p><u>Artist of the month:</u>            Sept: Phyllida Barlow            Oct: Sean Charmatz            Nov: Henri Matisse            Dec: Anthony Browne</p>
<p><b>History</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vikings</li> </ul>	<p><b>Geography</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United Kingdom and Europe-Scandinavia</li> </ul>	<p><b>PE</b></p> <p>Getset4PE-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA)</li> <li>• Yoga</li> <li>• Dance</li> </ul>
<p><b>RE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the 'Golden Rule'?</li> <li>• How can churches help us to understand Christian beliefs?</li> <li>• Why is light an important sign at Christmas?</li> </ul>	<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>Jigsaw-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being me in my world</li> <li>• Celebrating differences</li> </ul>	<p><b>Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Livin' on a Prayer</li> <li>• Classroom Jazz (1)</li> </ul> <p>Composer of the month:            Sept: John Williams            Oct: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart            Nov: Bob Marley            Dec: Bing Crosby</p>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break, I hope you all had a good rest!

**Overview:**

Please find enclosed information regarding topics and timetables. The themes for this term are 'Vicious Vikings'. On the overview opposite, you will see the themes that your child will be working on, and the other curriculum areas which will also be covered. Communication is very important between home and school and at Stepgates Community School, we want you to be fully informed.

**Home Learning:**

Please refer to the "Expectations for Home Learning 2021-2022" document, issued electronically via Teacher2Parents on 17.09.21 for further exemplification.

**School Uniform:**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct **school uniform** at all times and on Thursdays, when Year 5 have PE, your child comes to school wearing their full PE kit, which includes clothes for warmth as we will be holding sessions outside where possible.

**Water Bottles:** Even though the weather is cooler, please encourage your child to bring a bottle of water - labelled with their name - into class to ensure they can have a drink during lesson time and throughout the day.

**Meet the Teacher** - On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 at 2:50pm, there will be an opportunity to attend a "Meet the Teacher" meeting to talk about the expectations in Year 5 and any other topics you wish to know more about. Please note, I will be unable to answer specific concerns regarding individual children at this time - if you wish to speak in greater detail about matters concerning your child, an additional meeting will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time.

I have high expectations of the children in Owls and wish to celebrate their success. Your child will be rewarded in class with class marbles, 'Super Student', stickers, certificates and raffle tickets. These rewards will be given for effort and good behaviour and I know that you will enjoy sharing their achievements. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I look forward to seeing you later on in the term. If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me directly on the email address listed below.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Mathers

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