

## YEAR 6 SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019

Welcome back to the spring term and Happy New Year! I hope that everybody has had a thoroughly relaxing time over Christmas and enjoyed spending some quality time together. This term brings two exciting new topics which children will be studying – firstly, “Raging Rivers” will be our focus and after that, we will begin exploring our “Vicious Vikings” topic.

In our ‘Raging Rivers’ topic, children will explore the answers to the following questions...

- Where do rivers come from?
- What does the journey of a river look like?
- How can rivers help us?
- How does the River Tyne compare to rivers in other countries?

In our ‘Vicious Vikings’ topic, children will consider...

- Who were the Vikings?
- Were the Vikings really vicious?
- What was a Viking long ship?
- What made the Vikings successful?

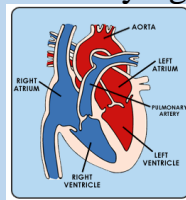


One of our class texts this term will be the classic novel ‘The Wind in the Willows’ by Kenneth Grahame. A story in which animals can talk, drive and much more! I have heard that the recent film adaptation with Matt Lucas starring as Mr Toad is a great version – which can be accessed on YouTube to watch at home.

To link with our work on Vikings, our second class novel will be Ross Welford’s ‘The 1000 Year Old Boy’. A more recent text which centres on a boy, Alfie Monk, who has lived for over 1000 years! As you may imagine, he has a great knowledge of historical events – including the Viking invasion.



Our science topic this half term will be continued as we explore animals, including humans further. This will include work on how to live a healthy lifestyle; the impact of harmful substances on our bodies and the role of the heart. We will also begin studying animals and their habitats.



**SATS:** Children will be taking SATS in May this year. There are a few things that they could be doing at home in preparation:

- 1) Reading! (either a book or accessing their Reading Plus account)
- 2) Maths Whizz to revise all areas of maths
- 3) Homework – Please ensure that homework is completed thoroughly each week, including spelling practice