



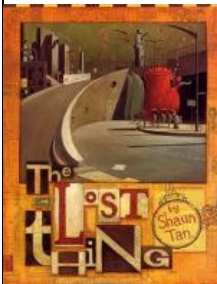
We hope you all had a lovely May half-term break and enjoyed some well-deserved time together as a family. We are excited to begin the final term of our Year 5 journey and look forward to all the learning and experiences still to come. This term, our overall themes will be 'Lifecycles of Humans' in Science and 'The Vikings' in History. We are sure the children will enjoy exploring these fascinating topics through a range of engaging activities and discussions.

Mrs Williams (Ravens) Miss Cassell/Miss Lloyd (Owls) Mr Hunter (Hawks)

Critical Enquiry Question:

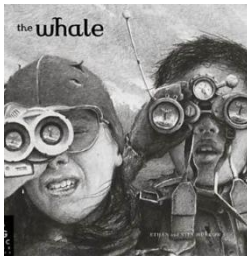
Who were the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and what impact did they have on Britain?
We will be answering this question with a presentation of findings at the end of Term 6.

English



This term, we will be basing our writing on two exciting books: *The Lost Thing* by Shaun Tan and *The Whale* by Vita & Ethan Murrow.

Through our unit on *The Whale*, we explore key themes within the story before developing and writing a film pitch for a producer, with a strong focus on conveying setting, atmosphere, and emotion.



Maths



In Maths this term, we will continue to build on the children's understanding of decimals before moving on to explore negative numbers, converting units of measure and volume.

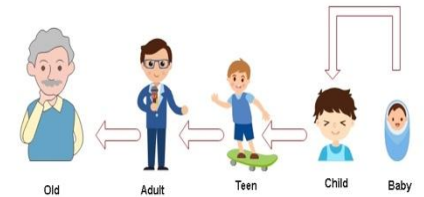
Throughout the term, we will also maintain a strong focus on developing arithmetic fluency and securing times table knowledge in order to reinforce these key mathematical skills.

Alongside this, the children will, as always, take part in a range of problem-solving and reasoning activities designed to deepen their understanding and challenge their thinking.

Science

In Science this term, we will be learning about the life cycles of mammals in more detail, with a particular focus on humans.

We will look in detail at each stage of the lifecycle. Part of this unit will link with our SRE unit on the changes children will experience as they go through puberty. (See link to PSHE)



History

This term, our history learning will focus on *The Vikings*. Throughout this topic, the children will explore the Viking settlement of Britain, significant events during their rule and the impact Viking life had on ordinary people. We will also learn about the raid on Lindisfarne, Edward the Confessor and the importance of Viking trade, helping the children to develop a deeper understanding of this fascinating period in history.



Computing

This term we will continue to explore internet safety and how to keep ourselves and others safe.



We will be using Purple Mash and Excel to develop the children's understanding of creating a multi-level game, using programming skills.

Design and technology

In Design and Technology this term, we will be exploring pop-up book which uses a mixture of structures and mechanisms.

Through this topic, the children will develop their research, designing, making and evaluative skills.



RE

In RE, our key question is 'Why are some places in the world significant to believers?' During this unit, we will identify the importance of Jerusalem to some Jewish, Christian and Muslim people before finding out about beliefs by investigating relics.



PE

This term the children will be developing their cricket and rounders skills as well as their athletic ones, in preparation for this year's sports day.



PSHE

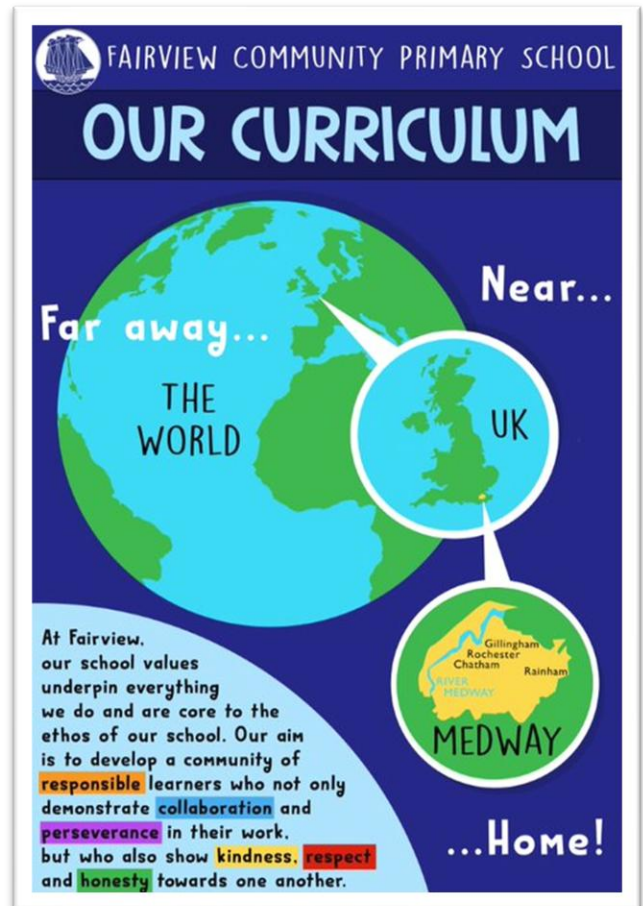
In PSHE this term, our theme is 'Changing Me'. This looks at puberty and will be taught across one week, linking to our science work.

Please see the separate RSE letter for more information and contact your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss this further.

Home Learning

- Spellings – Spelling home learning continues to be set each week on EdShed. In order to complete their spelling home learning and to practice for their spelling test, we ask that the children complete a minimum of 5 games each week.
- Reading – To encourage reading for pleasure and to support their progress, we ask that the children read as regularly as possible, ideally daily. Please ensure your child records every time they read in their reading record and that an adult signs it off. Reading records continue to be checked on a regular basis in class.
- Maths – Maths home learning will take place on TTRockstars. Please encourage your child to complete their Maths home learning in order to support their progress.

Home learning continues to be an important way of supporting your children's progress and we would like to thank you for your continued support – it makes a huge difference and has a positive impact on your child's learning. If you have any questions regarding home learning, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help! ☺



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