



Townlands C of E Primary Academy

"A journey of learning in the light of God's love"

Faith, Honesty, Love, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope, Respect

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed- Mark 4:30-32

Year Four Spring Term 2026 Second Half term

TEACHERS: Mrs Peel and Mrs Whittaker.

A message from the Year Four team:

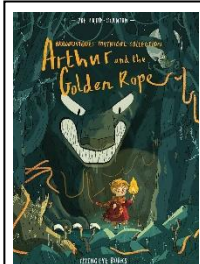
We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with home learning and we hope you had a good half term break.

Our theme this term follows our learning journey based around history and the Vikings. The children will develop their historical understanding about how life in Britain changed since the arrival of the Vikings and the attacks on Lindisfarne in 793AD. We will discuss the motivations behind the Vikings coming to Britain, how their raids impacted Britain and the wider impact of the Vikings on the world.

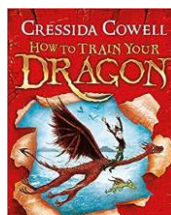
In June, all Year Four children will be completing the Multiplication Tables Check, which consists of 25 times table questions. We will prepare for this in class, but to further support your child's learning, please visit www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/ to practise this.

For more information about what we're covering this term, please refer to our Curriculum Map and Knowledge Organisers available on our class page.

Books we will be using to enhance our learning and love of reading.



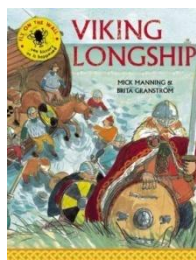
Buried amongst the treasures of a professor's vault, lie a humble collection of books. Tales filled with fearless fighters and unlikely heroes. Join Arthur as we journey to the land of the Vikings. Can Arthur conquer the fearsome mythical beast and save the town?



The hilarious exploits of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third - the smallish Viking with a longish name. Can he become the Hero everyone expects him to be?



Finn wants to be a Viking, a mighty war lord leading warriors into battle, not a village chieftain counting sheep. Viking raiders attack and Finn and the villagers must defend their homes.



Watch skilful builders at work, charge into battle, visit a Viking farmstead, enjoy the hustle and bustle of Jorvik on market day and listen to fireside tales about Viking gods.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday and is due in the following Wednesday

- The homework task will be maths and based on MyMaths or with a theme-based project set to be completed at the end of half term. Details of your child's login has been given to them.
- Continue to practice times tables on Times Table Rockstars weekly. Please keep trying the 'soundcheck' and 'garage' game modes to improve your heatmaps.
- Weekly spellings are handed out on a Friday please hand in your spellings by the following Wednesday. Children will be quizzed on a Friday.
- Reading: All children have an Accelerated Reader reading record and reading book. Please listen to your child read **at least five times a week** and record in their reading record. They have the opportunity to win a weekly reading prize and also receive a reading sticker.

PE

P.E. will be with our sports coach Mr Moon on a **Wednesday morning** and on a **Thursday afternoon** and it is important that **the children come to school in their P.E. kit in school on these days**. This needs to include an outdoor kit which is joggers, sweatshirt and trainers and indoor kit which is shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls.

Health & Safety reminder: No jewellery to be worn during PE lessons, however if earrings cannot be removed, then they need taping over. Please ensure that long hair is tied up and children have a hair bobble in their PE kit.

Water

The children need to continue to bring to school fresh **water** (not juice or flavoured water) each day in a labelled bottle. It is important they do this because they do get thirsty throughout the day. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Keep looking at our pages on the website for information and activities. If you have any queries or questions at any time, then please feel free to telephone or email the school office.

Finally, keep an eye on our new Facebook page for the latest updates and successes in school.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th February - Parents Evening

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day - optional dress up as a favourite character or wear pyjamas to school. Bring in your favourite book to share and read.

Thursday 5th March - Years 1,2 & 3 Film night

Thursday 12th March - Years 4,5 & 6 Film night

Tuesday 24th March - Easter Church Service