



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 8

Friday 17 January 2020

With the Spring Term well and truly underway, there have been many exciting things taking place at Girton Glebe Primary School. Please read on for a round-up of some of the things which have been taking place in and around school over the last two weeks...

Tree Shredding

Many thanks to FOGG and members of the local community for hosting such a successful Christmas tree shredding event on Sunday 5 January.

It was incredibly well-attended and raised a total of over £500 for the school. Such wonderful support is always greatly appreciated.

Well done to all who organised this fundraiser and many thanks to members of the community for turning out in support of this event.

Curriculum Organisers

As you may have seen in my letter circulated last week, we have redesigned the half-termly Curriculum Maps so that these now include the key skills, knowledge and vocabulary that the children will be covering throughout the course of each topic.

The new Curriculum Organisers are available to download on the school website using the following link: <https://girtonglebe.com/curriculum-organisers>



Girton Glebe Primary School Curriculum Organiser
Year 5/6 (Cherry Class) – Spring Term 1 2020

Key Skills	Saxons vs Vikings				Key Knowledge
<p>Geography:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name and locate the countries of Europe, concentrating on their environmental regions and key physical features Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their physical characteristics and key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers) Human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. <p>History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place current study on a time line in relation to other periods of history, using relevant dates and events Describe changes throughout a historical period, explaining reasons for and results of these Describe similarities and differences in people's beliefs throughout history Compare different sources of evidence, identifying primary and secondary sources and understanding where our knowledge of historical periods comes from 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key names and dates in Saxon and Viking history, including battles When the Saxons and Vikings invaded Britain and why Where the Saxons and Vikings invaded from – geographical knowledge of Scandinavia Where in Britain the Saxons and Vikings settled and what daily life was like How the Vikings restructured the country and the 7 Kingdoms of the UK How our place names and much of our vocabulary originated and how this is linked to the Vikings The religion of Vikings and their belief in Gods The reputation of the Vikings and whether this is fair How Britain changed as a result of the Saxon and Viking invasions
	Key Vocabulary				
	BC AD	Anglo Saxons	Vikings	settlers	
	raiders	invaders	Paganism Old Norse artefacts	Alfred The Great	
	primary source	secondary source	Norway	Denmark	settlement
	Sweden	long ship	conquer	Scandinavia	Kingdom

School Development

During the Inset day on January 6, staff spent time working on the design of the curriculum and preparing classrooms to reflect the content of the Curriculum Organisers.

Last week's staff meeting was led by Ali Cope who came to support us in relaunching the Daily Mile. More details of this will follow.

This week, staff began implementing work on the Powerful Words project that Miss Jolly is taking part in via Impington Village College (IVC). This project is designed to extend pupils' receptive and expressive vocabulary and we are already noticing the impact that this is having within school.

All training and resourcing costs for this project have been covered by IVC.

Assemblies around the World

Throughout the Spring Term, each weekly assembly theme will focus on a different country and its culture. The aim of this is to take the children on a trip around the world, exploring the geography and arts of a different country each week. We began last week by looking at Spain and this week the children have been to Italy. Themes for the rest of the Spring Term are outlined below:

- Week 3: Hungary
- Week 4: Norway
- Week 5: Russia
- Week 6: Japan
- Week 7: China
- Week 8: India
- Week 9: Sri Lanka
- Week 10: Australia
- Week 11: Kenya & Tanzania
- Week 12: Brazil

If you would like to support us with any of these themes then we would love to have you in school. Please drop me a line if you are able to volunteer any time.

P4C

20.1.20: What is the difference between grown-ups and adults?

27.1.20: How should we treat animals?

Family Support Work

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the family support work that we have available in school via Emily Norman.

Emily's role is to offer 1:1 support for parents and families around any concerns that they may have.

She is able to offer confidential support for you to find new ways of managing common family issues, for example:

- challenging behaviour
- anxiety
- raising self – esteem
- sleeping
- sibling rivalry
- anger and aggression

If you would like to meet for some advice or support you can contact Emily directly via email at enorman@ivc.tmet.org.uk or via phone on 07921 258 532 if you prefer. Emily will usually be based in school on Friday mornings between 0900 and 1130 so you are welcome to pop in and see her then without an appointment too.

Diary Dates

Half term: Monday 17 – Friday 21 February

Final day of term: Friday 3 April

Inset: Monday 20 April

First day of summer term: Tuesday 21 April

Spring Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)

Oak: 20 March

Willow: 27 March

Ash: 3 April

Spring Term Events

Children's Mental Health Week: 3 – 7 February

KS1 Drumming Workshops: Tuesday 4 February

KS2 Drumming Workshops: Wednesday 5 February

Year 4 Art Scapers Project: Monday 10 February (all day)

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 11 February

Parent Consultations:

Tuesday 11 February (1530 – 1900)

Thursday 13 February (1530 – 1800)

Year 2 Dance Share Event: Tuesday 11 February (1530 – 1700)

Year 4 Art Scapers Project: Monday 24 February (all day)

Mike Mullen BMX Academy: Tuesday 25 February (all day)

Author Workshops with Mark Lowery: Monday 2 March (KS2)

World Book Day: Thursday 5 March (Dress up as your favourite book character)

Author Workshops with Pippa Goodhart: Friday 6 March (KS1)

Year 4 Art Scapers Project at Girton College: Friday 6 March (all day)

FOGG Spring Jumble Sale: Saturday 7 March

Science Week: 9 – 13 March

Year 4 Art Scapers Project at Storey's Field Centre: Monday 9 March (all day)

Sing Big Event: Wednesday 18 March

Vision Screening Checks (EYFS): Thursday 19 March (am)

Cross-Country Competition (Y4 – Y6): Tuesday 24 March (am)

Year 5 Easter Cracked at Girton Baptist Church: Wednesday 25 March (pm)

FOGG Easter Event: Friday 3 April (after school)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher