

# Year 6

## Viking Boy



### Focus Book: *Viking Boy* by Tony Bradman

#### English

This half term we will be reading *Viking Boy* and we, ourselves, will channel our inner Viking. We will be writing a flashback, thinking about how key events in our lives continue to play on our minds and can influence our destiny. Then, we will write a Newspaper report based on an event in the story, learning how to focus on key events and only consider the necessary details. Finally, we will be creating poems inspired by Joseph Coelho's *Overheard in a Tower Block*.

#### Maths

In maths we will build on and apply our place value skills. We will also explore and learn mental and written methods to solve a range of calculations. Additionally we will be learning all about fractions, and how to manipulate them to make it easier to compare and order them. Towards the end of the half term we will begin to add and subtract fractions.

#### Science, Geography and History

#### Science

##### Key Questions:

How does light travel and how does this enable us to see?  
 How do mirrors reflect light?  
 How does refraction change the direction in which light travels?  
 How does a prism change a ray of light to show the spectrum?  
 How does light enable us to see colours?  
 Why do shadows have the same shape as the object that casts them?

#### History / Geography

##### Key Questions:

What image do we have of the Vikings?  
 Why have the Vikings gained such a bad reputation?  
 How did the Vikings try to take over the country and how close did they get?  
 How have recent excavations changed our view of the Vikings?  
 What can we learn about Viking settlements from a study of place name endings?  
 Raiders or Settlers: How should we remember the Vikings?

#### Technology

We will be understanding the use of CAMs and creating our own moving toy.

#### Art

We will be exploring clay-based techniques to build and sculpt their own dragon eyes.

#### Computing

We will be data handling. Children will explore how to use technology to retrieve and record data.

#### PE

We will be learning Pilates. Outside games will consist of Outdoor adventurous activity developing team work and resilience.

#### PSHE

We will be exploring positive relationships.

#### RE

We will be learning about Pilgrimages - Why are some journeys and places special?

#### Music

We will be learning all about Happy-Pop/Neo Soul and creating some funky sounds!

#### Languages

**French:** we will be revisiting and revising key vocabulary to ask and respond to questions and engage in French conversations.

#### Learning Values

##### Motivation

How can we become a hero like Hiccup within our own learning? How will we overcome our obstacles to succeed?

##### Responsibility

We will show responsibility during outdoor adventurous activity by leading others in a supportive manner.

##### Collaboration

We will work with a learning partner to discuss ideas. We will be learning to listen to our partner's opinion and sometimes reach a compromise on our ideas.

##### Perseverance

How does Gunnar's story help us to understand the benefit of a Growth Mindset?

##### Discovery

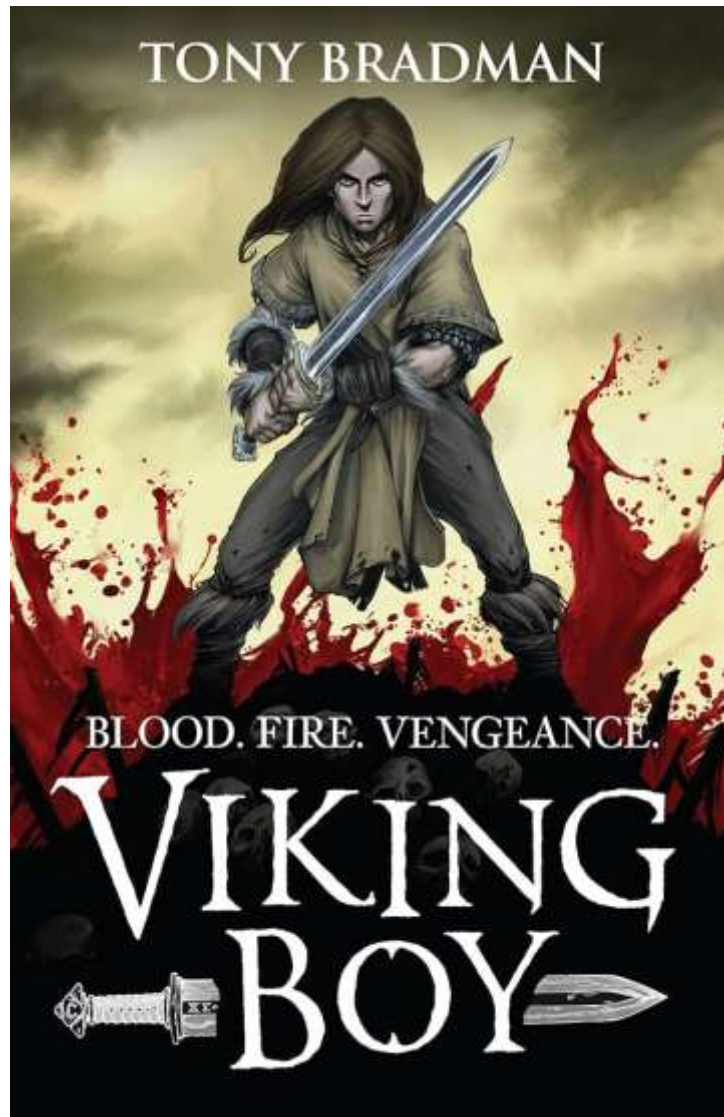
We will investigate the past and find evidence to support our reasoning.

##### Growth Mindset

In our Growth Mindset lesson this half term we will be looking at how we can prioritise aspects of our learning in order to make progress.

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Gunnar is the son of a Viking chieftain, living peacefully on his family steading with his mother, father and their people – until they are raided by Skuli and his Wolf Men, who raze his home to the ground and take his father's life. Gunnar swears an oath to avenge his father's death and save his mother from Skuli – but first he must run to save himself. Murderous raiders, hand to hand battles to the death, mythical flying wolves and a relentless sea journey to the Land of Fire and Ice... Unknown to Gunnar, his life has been foretold, and he finds he has a destiny greater than his own story.

#### **Other Recommended Reads Linked To This Theme:**

Attack of the Vikings – Tony Bradman  
How to Train Your Dragon – Cressida Cowell  
The Explorer – Katherine Rundell  
Impossible Creatures – Katherine Rundell  
Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo