



Athersley South Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your loved ones have had a restful and happy Christmas break and would like to wish you all a Happy 2026. For the spring term, we have even more fabulous learning to look forward to in Class 8.



Miss Stanley

Class 8 Teacher – Writing
Lead/ Y5/6 Leader



Mr Wheelwright

Deputy Headteacher &
Class 7 Teacher



Mrs Webb

Class 7 Teacher &
Geography Lead

Welcome to the Team



Mrs Brayshaw

HLTA working across
school



Mrs Raynes

Learning Support
Assistant – CL 8



Mrs Larkin

Learning Support
Assistant – CL7



Mr Gorner

Sports Coach across
school

Geography

Extreme Earth:

- To find out about the Earth's climate and areas of extreme temperatures.
- To find out about the water cycle and the distribution of water across the world.
- To find out about extreme weather conditions across the world.
- To find out about earthquakes and what causes them.
- To find out about tsunamis and how they are caused.
- To find out what volcanoes are and how they are formed.

History

Vikings & Anglo-Saxons

- To explore what Britain was like before the first Viking invasions.
- To find out about the Viking invasions of Britain.
- To find out about the Viking settlement of Britain and how this affected the Anglo-Saxons.
- To find out why King Alfred was dubbed 'Alfred the Great'.
- To explore what life was like for Vikings living in Britain.
- To find out how and when England became a unified country.
- To find out about the end of the Anglo-Saxon and Viking era in Britain.

Science

Evolution and Inheritance

- To recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.
- To identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways.
- To understand that adaptation of plants and animals to suit their environment may lead to evolution.
- Evolution and Inheritance: Darwin
- To recognise that living things have changed over time and that a number of factors can affect a species' evolution.
- To understand how human have evolved over time, and how human behaviour can affect change in species over time.

PSHCE: ONE LIFE

Bouncing back
Mentally, Socially,
Physically

Compassion

PE:

In P.E, this term, we
will be learning to
play netball and tag-
rugby

Music:

This year, Barnsley Music service
will be teaching our year 5 children
to play percussion instruments and
our year 6 children brass
instruments.

RE:

In Spring Term, we will be
learning all about: Christianity

We will be focusing on these 6 Questions:

Q1 – Why are some words special?

Q2 – Why are some places special?

Q3 – how does faith contribute to
community cohesion?

Q4 – Why are some times special?

Q5 - What can be learnt from the
lives of significant people of faith?

Q6 - How do I and others feel about
life and the universe around us?

ICT

In ICT, we will be focusing on:

- Creating Media- Video Editing
- Data and Information- Flat File databases

Spanish:

Throughout the year, we will be
learning to speak and write in
Spanish and in Y5/6 we will be
specifically focusing on: the
weekend and at the café.

Art:

In Spring Term, we will be
learning to:

- Practise shaping and using clay by making our own Viking Prow
- Create our own abstract pattern to reflect personal experiences and expression.

DT – MECHANISMS:

In Spring Term, we will be
focusing on our
mechanisms unit as we
will be designing and
making Automata Toys.