



We have had an incredibly busy start to year 5 and have all settled in well to life in Upper Key Stage 2, taking on new responsibilities such as class librarians, merit monitor and iPad monitors, to help everything run smoothly.

We thoroughly enjoyed the gymnastics festival at Durham City Gymnastics Club in Sherburn despite the excitement of the bus breaking down en route!



Our safety and mental health have been a focus this half term and we have been learning how to stay safe online as well as starting a unit called 'This is Me' to teach us about self-esteem.



In addition, we have been learning how to play the ukulele and hope to play in the Christmas concert - fingers crossed!

This half term, our topic has been 'Vikings' and we have been learning about the struggle for power over Britain between the Vikings and the Anglo Saxons up to 1066.

In DT lessons we created Viking longships, complete with dragon-head prows and moveable sails; in history we acted out the battle for power then created comic strips using an App on the school iPads called 'Comic Life 3' and in English lessons we have been reading 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman, before writing our own version of a Viking revenge story.



Now that we are Viking experts, we are looking forward to starting our next topic where we will be learning all about space, including a trip to the Centre for Life.

We love, respect and value each other.