



As the first half term comes to a chilly end, it is time to share a little of what we have been getting up to! Studying our school habitat, alongside investigating the nocturnal animals living within it, has been a lot of fun! With the help of a homemade footprint box, and a night vision camera, we have been able to see just what happens in our school grounds through the night... **Mr Hedgy** was captured several times on camera (and his footprints in our box), some rodents, and several neighbourhood pussycats, who enjoyed the dog food we put out to tempt any passers-by. We enjoyed a fantastic **basketball** festival at Sandylands earlier this half term – both the Year 5s and the Year 6s were just fabulous and it was very exciting to watch! In our own PE lessons, children have been designing and participating in their own **CIRCUITS** - it has been exhausting watching them work out, thank goodness I have been in my PE kit...

Throughout this year, our history focus will be the *Vikings* and the *Tudors* – two very different, but equally enthralling periods of history to study! We have started by thinking about who they were and where they came from. Having immersed ourselves in the various mythical creatures and monsters that captured the imagination of the Vikings, children have written and edited their own *Viking sagas*.

