

Year 5 September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the new school year and Autumn Term 2017!

I hope you all had a lovely summer and your child(ren) is/are settling well into life in Class 5. We, once again, have a busy year ahead of us and below is shown information on what we are covering this half term and some important points about homework/supporting your child etc.



Topic: 'Vicious Vikings'

In this topic, we will look at the Vikings in Britain: why they settled in Britain; how they travelled and where they came from; how they lived and what happened at the Battle of Stamford Bridge near York. We are planning to go on a trip to experience what life was like as a Viking to the Yorkshire Museum in October - more details will follow.

A lot of the work in the subjects below will link into this theme and will be used to reinforce learning e.g. non-chronological reports in English.



English

This half term, we will be writing non-chronological reports, recounts, myths/legends and descriptions.

Spelling: We will continue with 'Read Write Inc. Spelling.' Children will bring home their workbooks to do follow up work. We will continue to cover a different spelling focus each week and children will need to learn spellings for a test on **Thursdays**.

Reading: A reminder that we will have daily group reading sessions. Children will read a text and will be expected to read given sections of this at home (**twice per week - see planners**). They will also answer comprehension questions on current news items and they will be expected to finish the questions in their purple exercise books once a week (at home) so that they can discuss answers as a group with the class teacher.

Please try to listen to your child read as regularly as possible and ensure that you sign your child's planner to confirm they have done their homework. Children are expected to write a comment about what they have read (parents are encouraged to also write a comment, if possible). Children who read three times per week and get a parental signature each time are entered for a weekly draw to win a book.

It goes without saying that, the more children read, the more confident they will be as learners!



Maths

We will be covering work on place value (numbers to 1 000 000) including addition and subtraction (mental and written); solving word problems; decimals and fractions (up to 3 decimal places or thousandths); multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000; converting time and units of measure (including using timetables) and perimeter of shapes. We will try to solve 'Big problems' so that children can apply their Maths in 'real life' scenarios.

Each week, children will try to complete as many questions as they can (in a set time) on a challenge called 'Beat That!' The emphasis is on 'fun' and they will then try to beat their previous week's score each **Thursday**. Children will then take their challenge home to

complete any questions they didn't do and complete corrections. This will then need to be handed in.



Science

This half term, we are looking at 'reversible' and 'non reversible' changes, separating mixtures and evaporation. Children will be set a 'Big Problem' which they will have to try and solve at the end of each week using the skills and knowledge that they have learnt.



PE

We will be learning about invasion games with a focus on netball skills (outdoors). We will also learn more about gymnastics (indoors). **Please ensure that children have the correct kit.**
Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday.



French

We are looking at a French topic called, 'Ma famille' (my family). Children will learn to ask questions about their family and will be able to have a basic conversation in French.



Art/DT

We will be designing and making a papier mache Viking ship.



Computing

Children will be designing and producing a web page and will be completing a module on e-safety.



Music

We will focus on the theme of musical 'notation.'



RE

We will learn more about the religion of Islam and will be investigating mosques, especially in Yorkshire.

If you would like to ask a question/have a query about any school related matter, then please put it in the planner. Planners will be checked at least weekly. You can, of course, just come into school at home time and have a chat if you want to discuss something!

Important Dates

w/c Monday 25th September Class 5 Cake Stall week

w/c 9th Oct. or w/c 16th Oct. Viking experience trip TBC

Best wishes, Mr K J Macklam, Class teacher

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