

## Year 5 Newsletter: Autumn 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a productive first half term back in school and we are so pleased with how quickly the classes have settled in. We are all looking forward to the next term ahead and we have lots of exciting lessons planned. Our weekly spelling test will continue to take place on Fridays, with homework and new spellings being issued on this day too. The children will soon receive their Autumn 2 Learning Log, which will also be placed on the Year 5 page of the school website. Reading books should be returned to school on Thursdays so that they can be changed. It is important that your child is reading regularly with an adult at home and recording this on their Go Read account. We recommend that your child reads a minimum of 4 times a week.

### Maths

This half term we will be focusing our learning on multiplication and division. The children will be taught to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000, using their understanding of place value from Autumn 1. We will also be looking at square, cube and prime numbers. Later on in the half term, we will be looking closely at the perimeter and area of different shapes.

### English

This half term we will be reading our new class book 'After Tomorrow' by Gillian Cross. We will be looking closely at the different characters in the book, exploring the struggle for survival within refugee camps. We will be writing across a range of genres, including diary entries, persuasive letters as well as conducting a class debate to link with our balanced argument writing.

### Art

We will be taking inspiration from our History topic 'The Vikings' for Art this term. We will be creating clay pots, giving careful consideration to the design process and evaluating our finished products.



### Science

Our topic this half term is Forces and we will be exploring friction, gravity, air and water resistance. We will be conducting a range of experiments and fair tests whilst evaluating the work we do. As part of this unit, we will also be investigating how pulleys and levers work.

### History

Our History topic is 'The Vikings'. We will explore why and when they raided and invaded Britain. The children will be using a range of primary and secondary sources to learn about their beliefs, daily lives and the legacies they left behind.

### DT

Our focus in DT will be 'Food Technology' which will link closely with our Vikings work. The children will design and create a Viking banquet menu, using ingredients which were typical of that era.

### Music

In Music, we will continue to follow our new Charanga scheme of learning. This half term our unit of work is Jazz Music with a focus on two songs: Three Note Bossa and The Five Note Swing. The children will be using their listening and appraising skills from Autumn 1 to evaluate these Jazz songs.

### 'Our' Place in 'Our' World

Through our English text 'After Tomorrow' we will explore the importance of tolerance and respect when living a multicultural society.

### Aspiring Entrepreneurs

We will explore how the Viking settlers became self-sufficient communities and used different forms of trade to survive. We will reflect on UK trade system today.

### Healthy and Happy Living

The children will learn about the different ingredients and foods that were consumed during the Viking era and how this compares with a balanced diet today.

### Inquisitive Investigators

In Science we will conduct a range of investigations into the different types of forces. Children will understand the importance of fair testing and evaluating our findings.

### Important information & Dates to remember:

- PE continues to be on a Tuesday. Children should wear their PE kit for school on this day.
- Children should be reading a minimum of 4 times a week and recording this on their Go Read account.
- Our weekly spelling test continues to take place on Fridays, with new spellings and Maths homework being issued on this day too.
- Children should be practising their times tables daily using their Times Tables Rock Stars accounts. This half term we will be starting our interclass times tables competition.
- The Autumn 2 Learning Log is due on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.