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### Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter 1

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 5. It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school and settling into their new classes with their friends. We have been impressed with how quickly they have settled after the summer holidays.

#### **Topic**

This term, the children will be learning all about the 'Anglo Saxons and Vikings'. This always proves to be an interesting topic for the children and allows lots of opportunities for them to learn about history in a fun way. The topic will start with learning lots of historical facts about the settlers and investigating life in Britain 1600 years ago. As we continue, the children will learn through many other curriculum subjects such as geography and art. Children will learn map skills when investigating the Viking's journeys and will make Viking shields or battle axes during art lessons, just to name a few. So, lots of fun things to look forward to!!

#### **English**

In the first term, the children will be reading and writing their own portal stories linked to their topic on Anglo Saxons and Vikings. Children will be investigating features of different genres in story writing and learning new skills to make their writing more interesting for their reader.

In reading lessons, we will be reading a variety of texts linking to our topic. Reading helps to support our children's writing greatly, so we will continue to have daily reading lessons for the children to not only learn reading skills, but also identifying words and phrases that we can use in our own writing. Year 5 will also be enjoying class novels. 5B will start by reading 'The last wild', 5M 'The boy at the back of the class' and 5EM are reading 'Treason'.

Regular reading of a range of texts at home will continue to support learning in this area so please make sure that you are encouraging your child to read as much as possible.

In Year 5 children are encouraged to write their own comments in their reading diaries. This reading could include newspapers, magazines, annuals and manuals.

Remember to still sign your child's reading diary so we can keep track of who is reading regularly at home.

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## **Mathematics**

This term the children will be developing their skills in many aspects of Primary Mathematics including place value and the number system, addition and subtraction. You can continue to support your child by engaging them in every day mathematical situations including telling the time, handling money and reading measures. We also encourage you to support your children's knowledge of times tables.

## **RE**

This term we will be learning all about Hinduism. We will begin by understanding how Hindus show commitment to God through daily actions and religious beliefs. We will also learn about the significance of Puja and pilgrimages to the river Ganges. Nearer Christmas, we will be looking closely at the Christmas story and the facts behind it.

## **French**

We will be polishing our skills and sharpening our pronunciation as we learn the basic sounds in French, a perfect foundation for our French journey. Then we will apply this to learning our colours, days and months.

## **Key Messages**

Children complete two PE sessions a week. Please ensure that your child comes into school in a full PE kit on these days. As the weather turns colder, please make sure your child is wearing suitable P.E kit for being outside in chilly weather conditions. Earrings need to be removed for P.E lessons.

Indoor P.E – Plain white T-shirt, black shorts (no dance or cycling shorts), black plimsolls/trainers.

Outdoor P.E- Sweatshirt (school jumper), black or grey jogging bottoms (No leggings), trainers.

Year 5 PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.

Please let us know if you have any further questions or queries.

Kind Regards

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