



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday, and are ready for Summer 2. Our cross – curricular topic for this half term in Year 5 is:

## Vikings

We will be researching about the history of the Vikings. We will be using a variety of texts to research who the Vikings were and how they lived. We will also be learning about Anglo Saxon and Viking Timelines and events linking them, as well as the struggle for the Kingdom of England.

**Literacy:** We will be writing in a variety of genres this half term, with a focus on writing using different levels of formality. We will be focussing on a story about Ivarr the Boneless and will be thinking about the barriers he overcome to become a famous Viking Warrior. We will still be looking at more complex areas of grammar such as: different clause types including relative clauses, the subjunctive form and modal verbs. We will also be using different types of punctuation for clarity in our writing. Using all of this, we will be writing a range of genres including: a school report, setting descriptions and playscripts.

**Numeracy:** This half term we will be looking lots at problem solving. We will be putting into practice the skills that we have been learning and applying them problem based questions. We will also be working on our mental addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We will re look at factors and common factors, including prime numbers. We will be able to solve problems involving multiplication and division using their knowledge of factors and multiples, squares and cubes and using accurate notation for square (2) and cube (3)

**Science:** Our topic for this half term will be a continuation of our topic of materials and their properties. We will contonie to think about the properites that make materials pit for all kinds of purposes. We will also be looking at reversible and irreverisble changes and how new materials often come about through irreversible changes.

**Homework:** Homework is given out on **Fridays**. It usually consists of two pieces of work, as well as mental maths and spellings. Children should bring completed homework into school by the following Wednesday in order for it to be marked.

### What you can do to help:

**Reading** – This is a vital part of your child’s learning. Please listen to them read as well as developing their enjoyment by reading to them.

**Homework** – Encourage your child to do their homework and bring it back to school every Wednesday.

**PE Kit** – This needs to be in school every day – dark shorts, white T- shirt, black plimsolls or trainers.

**Library** – Remind your child to bring their library book in every

**Water** – Please give your child a named bottle to keep in school.

**Fruit** – Please send in a piece of fruit for your child to eat at break time.

As advised by the government, schools are now required to promote the following British values:

- Tolerance
- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect

Throughout the year we will look at the five British Values, this term we will look at Rule of Law. The lessons will focus on what it means to accept and embrace other races, religions, and ideas without prejudice or judgment. We will learn about respecting others for their differences whether they are race differences, religious differences or even socioeconomic differences.

If you would like more details of what we are doing, or have any questions about your child’s work, please make an appointment to see me after school. Yours Sincerely, Miss Price