



This Term in Year 5



Summer Term 2017

Dear Parents,

During the first half of the Summer term, we are learning about the Vikings in our brand new topic, **“Longboats and Legends”**. The children have already kick-started their topic with an exciting Viking feast and dressed up in some super costumes! Thank you for your support with this. Throughout this topic, the children will be learning about the Vikings and the legend of Beowulf, understanding who the Vikings were and their impact on the history of Britain. At the end of the topic we will be inviting parents into school to share in the children’s learning and creative projects. Please look out for a separate letter regarding this.

After half term, we will be launching another brand new topic, **“Plants vs. Humans”**. More information about this topic will follow later on in the term.

In **Maths** we will be consolidating and extending our understanding of number and place value; multiplication and division; fractions, decimals and percentages; reasoning about number and geometry and statistics. Linking to our work on Longboats and Legends, we will be focusing on developing children’s understanding of measurement and shape. The children will be continuing to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills and applying them to our topic. Your child will need to continue to learn and practise all of the multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

In **English** we will be linking all of our reading and writing to the legend of Beowulf. Our writing focus will be on writing narrative; developing characters, setting and plot. We will also be writing to persuade; writing using formal language; and developing non-fiction writing skills by writing an explanation text. Alongside this, children will be deepening their understanding of grammatical forms and spelling patterns. We will be continuing to develop children’s reading and comprehension skills, as well as helping to build their stamina for reading longer texts in a variety of genres.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set at the end of the week to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Alongside this, there will be the continued expectation that children will read at home every day. The reading record should be used to write down any reading that the children do at home - please encourage your child to write their own, detailed comment in their reading record. Please ensure that your child’s reading record is signed by an adult at least three times a week. We would really appreciate any support you can give your children with their home learning as it really does make such a big difference.

P.E.

This term the children will be doing PE with Mrs Wooten (our new PE Teacher) or Forest School on Thursday afternoons. In addition to this the children will also have a weekly class PE lesson which will take place on Thursdays for 5SB and on Fridays for 5BE and 5JJ. Please ensure that your child continues to wear appropriate PE kit in relation to the new school guidelines: sky blue t-shirt (with logo), navy blue shorts or skort (with logo) and pumps or trainers. We suggest that the children’s P.E. Kit is left in school throughout the week and taken home at weekends. For Forest School sessions please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies, warm socks and a waterproof coat.

During our topics this half term, we will be focusing on Geography, History, Science and the Arts.

<p>In History, we'll be investigating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant events in the history of Britain.• The Viking struggle for the kingdom of England• A chronological timeline of when these events took place. 	<p>In Art, we'll be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop observation and sketching skills, using a range of mediums for different effects. 
<p>In PE, we'll be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play competitive games, including rounders, cricket and tennis• Develop running, jumping, throwing and catching skills• Evaluate and improve our own performances 	<p>In Geography, we'll be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and study changes through time. 
<p>In Music, we'll be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perform Norse songs and music• Understand musical terms and notation.• Improvise and compose music.• Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression. 	<p>In Science, we'll be investigating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The effects of water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces• The need to select appropriate materials, according to their properties and purpose 

Thank you for your continued support. If there is anything you wish to discuss, please come in to school and we will be happy to talk with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B Evans

Mrs S Bryant

Miss J Johnson