

Class CG– Half Term one – Planning – Autumn 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to school Year 5!

We hope that you have enjoyed the holiday and that your child is ready to work hard and learn lots this year.

This term, much of our learning will be through topic work –Vikings. Looking at who? what? where? when and why they chose to come to Britain.

**As your child now moves into Upper Key Stage 2 I would like to develop independence and organisation to their school and personal life. Children should be ready to learn, ready for P.E, bring homework in on time and to take responsibility for *their* learning.**

Literacy	<b>Recounts.</b> -We will look at the genre of recount and consider what we did in the holidays, exploring descriptive writing and sensory writing. <b>Narrative – stories by significant children’s authors.</b> (Leon Garfield and Roald Dahl) Children will share their reading preferences, create characters, get in role and write their own stories.
Maths	During this half term we will be looking at place value and the number system. Multiplication and division and the links between the two. We will also explore the written methods for the all 4 operations.
PE	Invasion Games – <b>Netball</b> – children will have the opportunity to develop tactical awareness and improve ball control along with working positively in a team.
RE	Christianity – the children will be making links between stories, history and artwork connected with the Bible and some beliefs that are important to Christians. They will also be learning about the impact of the Bible on Christians and compare this to stories which are important to themselves.
Science	In Science this first half of the Autumn Term we will explore Life Cycles of flowering plants, using sketching and reporting skills.
ICT	Graphical Modelling. Children will learn to use an object-based graphics package to produce images and visual models. We will be producing art inspired by Matisse, and graphically modelling a Viking farmhouse. We will also be looking at using coding with Mrs White.
History/ Geography	Why have people invaded and settled in the past? A Viking case study. Children find out how Viking influence spread through different parts of the world and how, over a period of years, the Vikings eventually settled in Britain. Our geography studies look at features of settlements, map work and the meaning of some place names related to the Viking invasion.
Music	Barnsley Music Service will be providing music tuition. We will be learning how to play the recorder and read musical notation.
Art/DT	Our Art topic will cover tone and shade, beginning with pencil sketches and technique moving into portraiture and utilising our Viking Topic along the way for drawings of Vikings and Long ships. Biscuits will be our DT topic this term- Investigating, making, tasting and evaluating biscuits.
SEAL	New beginnings. This theme focuses on developing children’s knowledge, understanding and skills in four key social and emotional aspects of learning: empathy, self-awareness, social skills and motivation.
PSHCE	We will be learning about lifestyles and cultures, bullies, bullying, pressures and risks.
French	Madame Brittain will join us this year to learn about and advance the children’s` knowledge of French, concentrating on language/culture/traditions of the French way of life.

**Reading Folders.** Please listen to your child read on a regular basis. There is a reading record diary in their folder that you can use to make any comments. The children must have their reading book in school every day.

**Homework.** Homework will be handed out every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. It will either give your child the opportunity to practise what they have learnt in a lesson, or it will prepare them for a lesson the following week. **Spellings will be given out on Monday and tested on Friday.**

**PE kit.** PE will be on Monday and Thursday. Please make sure that your child has suitable kit in school, especially suitable footwear for outdoor PE. **If your child cannot take part in P.E I would appreciate a short note thank you.**

If you have any concerns or simply want to say `Hi` I will be available most days from 3:15pm

If it is urgent I am generally in school from 8:10am

Thank you. Mr C. Green