

Parent information for Year 5

Welcome back to a new school year which is going to be a very exciting one for your child. We have lots of wonderful and exciting learning planned this year. Please read the information carefully to find out all about what your child is going to be learning this half term in Year 5. If you have any questions I am always available to speak to.

Thanks,
Mrs Westwood

Spelling and handwriting

Each day, during our literacy lesson, children will have time to practice their handwriting. This will be for 15 minutes per day to ensure they are using cursive writing. Once your child is confident when using this cursive writing they will gain their pen licence which they will mean they can use pen throughout their lessons.

Homework

Each week your child will receive 10 spellings on Monday morning. They will be able to bring these home, which is usually in their reading records. Please ensure that your child is learning these spellings as they will be having a test each Friday.

Reading—your child is expected to read for at least ten minutes per day. This needs to be recorded in your child's reading record which is checked daily.

R.E

This term's Religious education will focus on answering the question:

Key question: What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God?

We will be learning all about Hinduism and what is involved with this religion in order to answer our key question.



I.C.T

Our work in I.T will focus upon using the internet to search large databases and to interpret information. They will use, skim read and take in information to be able to own it for themselves and interpret it with others.

Also children will be using ICT through literacy and history and geography work, learning how to make their work more presentable and attractive to the reader.

P.E

This half term our topic is dance.. We will be trying to improve the quality of team game techniques and looking at each child's ability to link movements.

In particular, we will be focussing upon how to use variations in speed, level and direction, how to combine and link actions as well as how to relate to partners and apparatus.

P.E will be on a Friday afternoon so could you please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit.

Your child also needs sensible footwear, for example trainers or pumps when doing P.E for safety. Also, any jewellery, including earrings cannot be worn due to Health and Safety so could you ensure that earrings are removed on P.E days.

P.E day is Friday. Your child can come to school in their PE kit on this day.



P.S.H.E

This term we will be focussing upon keeping / staying safe which will include learning all about peer pressure, adults' views and children's views. We will then be going on to learn all about bullying and being responsible for each other and ourselves.

Art / Design Technology
Our first art unit for this half term will be printing where we will be designing and printing our very own tiles. We will use our history unit of the Vikings to inspire our designs.



Dates for your diary...

Trips planned so far...

We are hoping to visit the Jorvik Viking Centre in York the first few weeks back so keep your eyes peeled for the letter which will be sent home.





Our Reading Targets

During this term we will be focussing upon our reading VIPERS. These are to ensure that your child gains an excellent understanding of the texts they are reading. These include:

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Sequence or Summarise



Throughout the week we will focus on each of these vipers which will enable your child to gain a broad knowledge of the text they are reading.

Literacy

Our literacy units this term and going to begin with learning all about how to write an effective setting description as well as character descriptions. We are going to be focussing lots on learning how to use commas for parenthesis as well as subordinating conjunctions to make our writing more interesting for the reader. There will be lots of consolidation from Year 4 to ensure your child gets off to the very best start in Year 5 for their writing.

Numeracy

Our Numeracy lessons are going to begin with lots of work around place value and knowing how to multiply by 10, 100 and 1000 when thinking about what happens to the digits as we multiply. We will then be moving on to learning how to add and subtract including exchanging and carrying digits to ensure we are accurate when calculating.

It would be very useful if your child could also practice their times tables each week too. You can encourage your child to log on to their TTRockstars account—if you do not know the log—in details then please ask.



Traders and Raiders

This term we will be focussing our work and learning about history. We will be firstly learning all about who the Vikings were and why they invaded. We will then be moving on to learn all about their daily life and important people who lived during the Viking era.



Science

Our science unit for this term is Living things and their habitats. Your child will be learning all about how we grow and develop from a foetus to older age. We will be learning about what happens during different points in our life. We will then move onto learning all about mammals, what makes them unique as well as the life-cycle of different plants and animals. We will be presenting our work in different ways such as bar graphs, presentations and written essays.