

# Year 5 Newsletter

Spring Term September – January 2019

Dear Year 5 parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a relaxing Christmas break. Welcome back the Spring term at Phil and Jim School! We had a fantastic first term delving into our Chinese topic and are eager to start back fresh.

## Communication

If you have any queries, please email the office with your concerns, these emails will be passed on to me and I will respond within 48 hours. Alternatively, feel free to arrange a chat with me by phone or in person.

## Topic this term

This term, our topic is The Vicious Vikings. We will be delving into the history of the Viking invasion, Anglo-Saxon England and Edward the Confessor in history. Later in the term we will be investigating forces and creating Viking recipes in food technology.

## Maths and English

In maths, this half term we will be learning about: place value up to 1,000,000; converting and multiplying fractions; ordering and comparing decimals up to thousandths; statistics – completing, reading and interpreting information in tables and solving comparison, sum and difference problems relating to line graphs; reading Roman numerals up to 1000s.

## German

Children in Year 5 will have weekly German lessons with Mrs Poole on Fridays for 50 minutes. Topics this term will include food and drink and the seasons. The children will continue to develop their language skills and cultural knowledge through songs, games, class surveys and role-plays. They will learn how to use a bi-lingual dictionary and be introduced to aspects of German grammar to support their writing in German. They will write short poems in the style of German Elfchen and perform them to their class.

## PE kits

Please could I remind you that a full school PE kit is required for PE lessons which includes a separate pair of PE trainers. If your child does not currently have the school PE kit this can be bought from the school office. PE kits should be in school Monday-Friday. May I also remind children with long hair that it must be tied back for PE, and that jewellery must be removed for PE lessons. This term, PE will be on a Thursday and a Friday in 5F.

## Morning Routine

The school gates will now open at 8:35 am and the doors will open at 8:40, school will begin promptly at 8:50 for the register.

## Reading Record

Do remember that your child has a reading record, which they can bring in daily for me to check. The children will gain house points for thoughtfully filled in records.

## Drinks bottles

Please can all children bring a drinks bottle to school, to be filled with water. Water fountains are available around the school for these to be re-filled.

Thank you, I look forward welcoming the children back and starting our new Viking topic.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Freedman.

In English we will writing our own Viking myths based on Norse myths and legends before we create non-chronological reports about our own 'Norse' Gods. We will be listening to chapters from Neil Gaiman's Norse Mythology, in addition to reading extracts from My Story, A Viking Warrior AD 1008 Viking Blood by Andrew Donkin and Horrible Histories Vicious Vikings.

At the end of the day, your child will be let out of the classroom via the white classroom door nearest to the playground. If you have made other plans for your child getting home, please could you inform me or our class teaching assistant, Miss Carvell-Turner.