

# Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

## WELCOME!

We hope you have all had a lovely Summer Break and are ready for the term ahead. We are excited to welcome your child to Yr 5. We run an open door policy so please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

## Year 5B Team

Ms Williamson - Class Teacher

Ms Lesley - Teaching Assistant

## Attendance and Punctuality

Children need to be in school every day and on time as this is strictly monitored throughout the school.



## What we will be learning this term

**Literacy:** The focus this term will be on writing adventure stories and newspaper reports.

**Maths:** Our Maths focus will be to recap on number and place value.

**Computing:** Green screen / video editing..

**Science:** Forces / Animals including humans.

**RE:** Jesus - Human Divine.

**History:** Vikings - Raids and Invasions.

**Geography:** Greece.

**DT:** Viking helmets and boats.

**PE:** Gymnastics /Football

**Music:** Steel pans and Sea Shanty songs linked to our Vikings topic.

**Art:** Observational drawings

**MFL:** Mandarin

**PSHE:** New beginnings, Getting on and falling out, Say no to bullying.

## PE uniform:

Please note the school has uniform on sale. Please write your child's name on all their clothing - it helps enormously if they get lost or mixed up with another child's clothes! Please note we are not responsible for any lost items of clothing. We teach children to take full responsibility for their possessions. If for any reason clothing is lost, we endeavour to help locate it but we do not replace uniform of any kind (please see our lost property policy).

## Home Learning

We will be working extremely hard in school and your support at home is **very important**. In an effort to continue to improve reading standards, we encourage the children to read every day for at least 20 minutes. Maths homework is given out on Wednesdays. Learning log homework is given out every Friday and is based on what the children have been learning or will be learning in class. We ask that you help your child be as creative as possible with their homework. All homework must be returned by **Wednesday of the following week**. Children are given weekly spellings and a focus times table to learn. These will be tested on Fridays. Homework is **not optional** and **MUST** be handed back on set days. Homework handed in on a day after this will not be marked. If children are unable to complete their homework at home, an opportunity to do so will be provided during lunch or playtime.

**PE:** Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that children have the correct PE kit on both days.

## Websites and resources to help you and your child

### Maths:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/problem-solving>

<http://www.mathplayground.com/>

### History:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zcpf34j>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/viking/websites.html>

### Science:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z4vv4wx/resources/1>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living\\_things/plant\\_life\\_cycles/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/plant_life_cycles/read/1/)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical\\_processes/force/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/force/read/1/)

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=75>

## Home time

Please collect children at 2.40pm each afternoon in the main playground unless they are staying for a club. If someone other than yourself will be collecting your child, please inform the Class Teacher or TA, and the office beforehand. **Staff are not allowed to release children to unauthorised individuals**. The person picking up your child must be 16 years or older. Any child not collected by 3pm will incur a charge of £5 for every hour or part of an hour.

## Dates for your diary

- October is Black History Month
- **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Target setting evenings
- **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept** – Jeans for Genes Day
- **Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Trip to Science Museum
- **Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Harvest assembly
- **Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October** - Multicultural Evening
- **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Sleepover
- **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October- Half term**
- **Fri 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Winter Fayre
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas lunch
- **Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas performances
- **Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper day / End of term



## READING LOGS

The children have been given reading logs to keep a record of reading at home. Please can you sign and comment after you have listened to them read. Please ensure that this is done daily to support their development in reading. Reading logs and books should be brought into school every day.

## NO PHONES

Due to child protection, the use of mobile phones is not allowed on school premises. Please work with us and respect this procedure. It is for the safety of our children.

