



Autumn Term in Year 5



Welcome back to the start of a new school year. We hope you and your children have had an enjoyable summer. As always we have a busy term ahead of us with lots of new experiences for the children and we hope the following curriculum information will be of use to you over the coming months.

The Curriculum

This term our main theme is Invaders which will focus specifically from the fall of the Roman Empire through to the Vikings. As much of our English, Science, History, Geography, Art and DT will be inter-linked through this topic.

To bring our Invaders topic to life we will be taking the children to Tatton Park to experience their Anglo Saxon/ Viking Living History day. This will be on Thursday 9th November. We will send further details nearer the time!

Maths will continue to be taught separately with Miss Thorniley teaching the advanced set and Mrs Clerc and Mrs Wild teaching the developing set. In maths, this term, Year 5 will be covering a number of topics, these include: place value (working with numbers up to 1 million), multiples, factors, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The children will continue to take part in the weekly Matheletics competition where they will practise mathematical skills and fluency in number.

Uniform/P.E. Kit

Please, please, please name all of your child's clothing – both uniform and P.E. kit – including shoes. We like children to have their P.E. kit in school **at all times** in case we do sessions that are not on the regular time table. A P.E. bag should have: pumps/trainers, shorts and T-shirt. T-shirts are available to order through F.R.P.S. (If in doubt see your class teacher or ask at the Office). During the winter months we will endeavour to do outdoor P.E, so children will also need tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a warm jumper/fleece. Outdoor games will be on a Monday afternoon and indoor PE on a Friday afternoon.

Reading Books

Your child will bring home a reading book which they will have the opportunity to change on a regular basis. We understand that many children in Year 5 are confident readers, however the comprehension skills are essential, therefore we recommend you to ask questions about the text they are reading, for example: the characters, the plot, the blurb, the author's style, predictions and alternative endings.

We ask that the children read regularly, but should have their **reading records signed by an adult at least 4 times on different days**. They will be rewarded for this by moving onto different stages of our 'reading stars' board and they will receive raffle tickets to gain prizes at the end of the term. The reading records will be collected in and checked every Friday.

Homework

In Year 5, the children will be given a homework book in which to complete all homework tasks. These tasks will be set at the beginning of each half term, there will be a choice of different activities (English, Maths, Topic) of which the children have to complete 6 over the half term. The homework needs to be handed in at the end of each half term or whenever the children have completed their 6 tasks.

As and when there is the need, children may also be set an online MyMaths, or paper homework to support class work. There will be homework clubs available within school for children to complete tasks with support from staff and access to computers.

Water Bottles/Snacks

Please send your child to school with a clearly named **water** bottle (this can just be a clear plastic bottle), which is separate from their packed lunch and can be stored and refilled within the classroom. We ask for you to provide only water for your child to drink in the classroom rather than juice. Also, please ensure that any snacks provided for break time are healthy snacks. These may include fruit, vegetables and any other suitable alternatives.

Inhalers/Medication

If your child has an inhaler/medication in school, please ensure that it is in date and send it into your child's teacher.

Miss Thorniley, Mrs Clerc and Mrs Wild