

## Welcome back, Year 5!

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

We hope that you had a cracking and/or egg-cellent Easter break and are ready to get stuck into the final term of year 5!

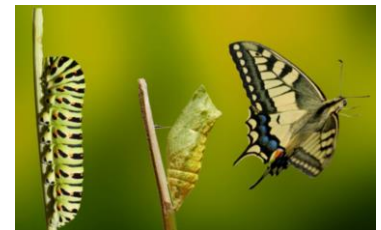
Our cross-curricular topic this term will be a mixture of the Vikings, Anglo-Saxons and Living Things. We will be investigating the impact and legacy of the Anglo-Saxon and Viking invaders, whilst also looking at their culture and beliefs. In science, we will be studying ecology and life-processes.

This term's art, including photography, will be taking inspiration from nature and the Vikings, including their interesting deities.



### Here are a few quick reminders of what your child needs to bring to school:

- PE will be on **Monday** (indoor) and **Wednesday** (outdoor)
- Please ensure that outdoor PE kit includes trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a long-sleeved top. Remember that timetables can change, so it would be useful to have PE kits handy throughout the week.
- Pens and pencils etc. are provided so children will not need to bring any equipment with them.



### Homework:

Homework will continue to consist of spellings, times tables and reading.



- **EXCITING NEWS!** We have the opportunity to use an online reading resource, Fiction Express, for which your child has an individual login. Children have access to a great number of online books which can also be downloaded onto a tablet for example. There are also 'live' books which are written in response to children's ideas and votes.
- Reading is extremely important and we expect every child to read a little each night. They may choose a book from school or from home (as long as it is of an appropriate level and content) and should record their reading in their reading records – **these will be checked on a weekly basis**. When possible, please hear your child read and make your own comments in their diaries – we cannot stress how important hearing your child read is, even if you are confident of your child's reading ability. Talking about texts unlocks many skills that are very difficult to acquire without it.
- Spellings will be sent home each week and spelling tests will take place on **Fridays**.

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions whatsoever about anything (to do with school).

Thanks for your support and help,

Mrs Brazier, Mrs Barnard and Mr Lowrie-Herz