

March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Spring Term 2 2024

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break.

Reading:

Our class readers this half term are 'Beowulf' retold by Michael Morpurgo and 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly. We will also be using 'Sky-Bots' by Vashti Hardy and 'Cosmic Disco' by Grace Nichols in our Guided Reading lessons. Please read with your child on a daily basis and make an entry in their reading diary. Book bags and reading diaries should be brought in **everyday** to support the Accelerated Reader programme we are running in school. Reading is monitored by teachers weekly and feedback is given to children.

Spellings:

We will continue to work on the statutory word list for Years 5 / 6, as well as focusing specifically on: words in 'ie' and 'ei', homophones and personal spelling lists.

Maths:

This half term we will continue learning about decimals and percentages and the move onto area and perimeter and statistics. Please continue to encourage your child to regularly practise their times tables on TT Rockstars. To aid with this, there are also more activities on Education City (<https://educationcity.com/>) which will support children with learning their tables.

Home Learning Projects:

This term our projects are based on our History Topic of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, with the focus on the Viking period, and we will be continuing our Science work about Earth and Space. Please have a look overleaf at some starter ideas for projects that you can complete at home with your child. Please send these into school with your child so they can then be shared with the rest of the class.

PE:

Children will need to wear clothing suitable for PE on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Monday's lesson will be Netball or Outdoor Adventurous Activities, which will be outside, and Wednesday's lesson will be Gymnastics or Dance which will be inside. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it. Please make sure your child wears suitable clothing for these days – this must include trainers/ plimsolls.

General Reminders:

Please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle every day.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs MacDonald and Miss Bright
Year 5 teachers