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Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

Dear Parents/Carers,

Introducing our first term in Year 5, we have a main topic of 'Invaders' focusing on Anglo Saxons, which will cover historic discovery and geographical exploration, as well as the impact upon human settlement and the implications of survival. We hope to give your children an example of what 'invasion' means with a 'simulated' example within our school to launch our topic.



MAIN LEARNING THEME

The main learning areas are history and geography, but we will be considering many other aspects within this genre, which will impact positively upon our writing across the curriculum.

Key vocabulary: *Invaders, settlement, civilisation, continent, archaeology, shield, primary sources, secondary sources, excavate, reconstruction, protect*

MATHS

In maths, we will be looking at basic number and calculation skills, as well as investigation skills and application of number to real life situations. We will continue with our Assertive Mentoring programme for maths (with children learning in small focused groups), ensuring children are making good progress within this scheme and moving on when they are ready.

ENGLISH

In Literacy and Language, we will be looking at the genre of Myths. We will be linking our topic work with this genre and promoting imaginative writing within historic recounts, story writing and newspaper reports.

Supporting books: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan, Heroes of Olympus – Rick Riordan, Persephone – Sally Pomme-Clayton, Pandora – Robert Burleigh, Pandora's Box – Rose Impey

PE

PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school with them all week. Please send this kit in with your child on Monday and take home on Friday of each week to be washed. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (by the child) or covered with a plaster. Please ensure that your child has a clean PE kit each week. Trainers or plimsolls are essential and as the weather gets colder during winter, they will need a warmer top and track suit bottoms as well.

HOME LEARNING

Your child will receive a Maths and an English homework task each week. The homework will be given out on Wednesday after school, to be returned the following week on Wednesday morning.

In addition to this, your child can choose to undertake a half-term home learning project, which could be the focus of their homework for the beginning of the term. This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning. This can involve the whole family and should be linked to our topic theme; the more creative the better! Your child can use the Internet to carry out research, create PowerPoints, use photographs, diagrams with annotations etc.

READING

Please continue to read with your child at home. Each week, they will be given 1 or 2 reading books which they can share with you at home and will be changed weekly. Year 5 have the opportunity to visit the library and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library.

BREAK TIME SNACK

A piece of fruit for break time snack is appropriate. Please remember that we encourage healthy eating. We must also remind you that we are a nut free school. Do not send your child to school with any food item containing nuts.

SCHOOL MEALS

A hot school meal is available each day. Please ensure that this is booked and paid for in advance.

END OF THE DAY

Please feel free to use this time to talk to us about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Mrs Marlow
Class Teacher

Mrs McFarland
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Gill
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

