



Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 5 Summer Term - Curriculum Information**

Welcome back to the last full term in Year 5! We are now two thirds of the way through the school year and as we hopefully welcome the sunshine, we have such a busy term in store. This term we will begin our journey into the Viking Era and look forward to our trip to the Jorvik Centre in June.

#### **English**

In English, we will work through 'Viking Blood' and a final picture book. Our focus will continue to be spelling and continuing to use a variety of sentence types; as well as using technical vocabulary and WOW vocabulary. We will look at writing mini sagas, poetry and reports to practise and develop these skills.

#### **Reading**

All the children have now been assessed using our PM Benchmarking and have been allocated a reading group. The children will read with myself or Mrs Merriman weekly or fortnightly and will be given a reading activity to complete as homework (this will be stuck in their orange home journals and posted on the Year 5 website). We will be focussing on the different type of questions including retrieval, inference and also the author's intent.

#### **Spellings**

We will continue with spelling tests on Monday. As I'm sure you'll know, the key to spelling is not just learning them weekly and exploring the rule, but also to apply these in our writing, which is why it continues to be one of our targets this term.

#### **Maths**

We will continue to work through each topic using the four phase approach, allowing the children to reason and investigate helping to deepen their learning. This half term, we will continue to practise our written methods for the four calculations during Daily Drilling as well as solving problems in the context of money, measures or real life. Our target is to learn our times tables up to 12x12 by the end of the year, so we will be learning a table a fortnight and practise these in class. One of the games we play regularly can be found here <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - the children love this game!

### **Zumba Maths**

The children will continue to bring home Zumba targets, which will be tested on Fridays. Please can you continue to help your child practise these against the clock as the children need to know them off by heart.

### **Topic/Science**

Our topic this term will be, 'Vicious Vikings'. The children have already planned the unit and have asked to find out about when the Vikings were around, where they came from and what life was like in Viking Times!

Mrs Merriman will continue to teach the children Science on a Wednesday afternoon. They will continue their topic on Forces and then move on to learning about Animals including Humans and living things and their habitats.

### **Class Visits/Visitors**

Our next class trip of the year will be to the Jorvik Centre in York on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. A letter will be sent home about this visit shortly.

### **Swimming**

Year 5 are making great progress with their swimming and personal survival. They will continue their swimming lessons at Bingley Swimming Baths until the last school week in July.

### **Art/DT**

The children will again be working with Mrs Ashington to produce some more amazing art and DT work including Viking shields. Please could you make sure that your child has an old shirt/t-shirt/apron in school for our Thursday Art lesson.

### **Website**

Our class page will continue to be regularly updated so please check out our past and current learning as well as homework and spellings.

If you have any questions or queries about your child's work or wish to chat about any aspect of Year 5, please do not hesitate to catch me in the playground, pop in and see me, message me using the class email: [year5@harden.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:year5@harden.bradford.sch.uk) or make an appointment via the office. I wish to thank you in advance for your continued support.

Thank you

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