

Class news for Term 3 from Primary 5

Happy New Year to you all!

This term our IDL **context for learning** will be The Vikings. This will allow us to look at people in the past and how they have had an impact on historical events. We will be able to compare and contrast our own lives with people from the past and from another country. The pupils will be asked to find information from a variety of sources, both in school and at home. They should be encouraged to share their knowledge with people outwith the classroom. Our context of the Vikings will also allow us to experiment with different Art styles and we will be able to look at religion through the eyes of people in History. We also look forward to our prayer week which gives the children some reflective thinking time.

In **Numeracy** we will initially be focusing on fractions, decimals and money. The children will find the 3 areas are very closely linked and this builds on their knowledge of the times tables which we spent considerable time on last term. We are now expecting the children to know all their tables confidently. Towards the end of the term we will revisit addition, focusing on mental strategies for adding bigger numbers. We will also use addition in real life problems, making the situations real for the pupils.

In **Literacy** our focus for writing will be functional writing. The class will be working on their note-taking and writing for a purpose. In reading the children will be studying a novel as well as their usual guided reading books and home readers. This will allow them to look at different styles in class. There will be a focus area of direct speech these terms, working on all the correct strategies for using speech in story writing. We will also adapt narrative to play scripts and vice versa. The class are often asked to prepare informal or formal talks as an ongoing drive to enhance confidence in talking to their peers.

Each week, your child will have:

- * P.E. on a Tuesday and Thursday – please remember gym kits
- * Library on Tuesday – please remember your book
- * Music on a Wednesday (this will rotate in 4 week blocks)
- * Drama on a Wednesday
- * Art on a Wednesday or Friday

Homework – Homework is currently given out through homework diaries. These should be checked every Friday when new homework is given out. Diaries are handed in with homework on a Thursday. If you have written a note in the diary which needs to be seen before Thursday, please ask your child to show us in class. Diaries must be signed for the homework to be marked complete.

Spelling – At times, we ask the pupils to complete a spelling task at home. The children are encouraged to use dictionaries, parents, internet, etc to help them access a wide range of words for these tasks. Please support them in this.

ICT – We have spent some time working on inputting data into spreadsheets. We are now challenging ourselves to plan a party or an event and looking at how to find and input costs. We will also complete a block of coding.

Internet – The pupils are frequently led to valuable online resources in school, most of which are accessible at home. Please encourage them to consolidate their learning at home.

If you have any questions or information to pass on to any class teacher, please do not hesitate to write a note in their diary, send in a letter or give a quick call to the school and we will try to get back to you as soon as possible.