

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so pleased to see the children back and enthusiastic to learn following their Summer break ! If you have any questions, as always, please come and speak to us.

Autumn 1 in Year 5

Our topic is: Vicious Vikings

English	Maths	Science	History	Spanish
This half term, we will be studying Viking Boy by Tony Bradman. Whilst studying this text, we will be writing our own action scenes, inspired by the plot of Viking Boy. During these lessons, we will be focussing on the following grammar; short sentences vs long sentences, powerful verbs and paragraphing.	This half term the children will be exploring decimal fractions. They will be looking at the composition and calculation of tenths, hundredths and thousandths. Using a number of concrete resources to support and consolidate their learning.	The children will learn to compare and group everyday materials and demonstrate (through investigation) that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible reactions. They will also learn about irreversible reactions and how to conduct a fair test and how this related to life in Vikings times.	The children will learn all about why and how the Vikings carried out an invasion in Britain, looking at understanding and identifying arguments from both sides involved. They will look at famous invasions and if the Vikings were successful at every raid. They will also look at why King Alfred was dubbed Alfred the Great.	This term, children will be building on their knowledge and understanding of the Spanish curriculum. In particular, they will be learning how to talk about places in a town, directions, adjectives and ordinal numbers.
PE	RE	Music	Computing	PSHE
During Autumn 1, our PE focus will be on invasion games. Throughout these lessons, children will secure their skills in: sending and receiving; attacking and defending; teamwork and leadership.	The children will be studying Jesus and his teachings this half term, looking specifically at different messages, the meanings and why they are important.	During music lessons, children will be learning a range of sea shanties, exploring: beat; rhythm; chords; dot notation; progression and snapshot.		Throughout Autumn 1, the children will be exploring independence, responsibility and focussing on keeping safe. This will also incorporate the importance of rules and what to do in an emergency.

How can I help my child at home?

Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet, that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer.

Useful websites:

BugClub

TT Rock Stars

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.topmarks.co.uk

Homework, home-reading and PE.

A homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of half term. Each week your child can choose an activity from this grid and complete it.

Homework books are to be handed in every **Monday**.

Year 5 have PE on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Your child needs to bring their PE kit into school on these days.

Home Help!

Reading and Book Talk:

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at home. It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy and enthusiastic readers, and hope that children are able to read a variety of genres to broaden their reading experiences. Please don't forget, whenever you read at home your child should fill in a section of their Reading Booklet. As well as home-school reading books, anything that children read can count towards entries on the card. We would love to see the amount of booklets we receive increase this term.

Home Reading Books

During Autumn 1, we will be continuing to set homeschool reading books online at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Student logins will be provided in the front of Homework Books.