

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. Please find attached the curriculum map which gives you an outline of the areas we will be covering this term. We will be learning about the Vikings and will be using Neil Gaiman's 'Odd and the Frost Giants' as our study text. Anything you can do at home to support our topic or book would be greatly appreciated. To supplement the children's learning around the Vikings we have arranged a 'Viking day' in school (Wednesday 16th September). This will include a variety of activities and learning opportunities provided by a visiting specialist. On this day we invite the children to come in dressed in a Viking costume.

P.E this term will be on a Monday and a Thursday afternoon (flexibility may be required) for both Year 5 classes. Please help your child by ensuring they have a full P.E kit on those days. It is also advisable that the children bring a water bottle for during the school day.

The Year 5 pegs are in the same location as last year. These pegs will be named so the children will have a space. We encourage the children to only bring in the essentials (pencil case and water bottle).

On a Friday afternoon, Year 5 will be taught by Ms Edwards (Hazel) and Mr Banham (Silver Birch). This is to cover planning and preparation time.

As the children are now in Year 5, we do encourage as much independence as possible. Another letter will follow with the details of pick up and drop off times. We understand that this is a difficult time to be returning to school and we are hoping to make the transition into the new school year as smooth as possible.

If you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact one of the Year 5 team via the office. If you wish to meet with a teacher this will have to be arranged by appointment as parents will be unable to access the school site.

Kind regards,

Matt Fricker and Lizzie Clarkson