

## Year 5

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you all had a great summer break and have had lots of fun as well as a rest. We are looking forward to a great term as there are lots of exciting things coming up!

The children have returned to start a brand new topic: Towers, Tunnels and Turrets! We have been focussing on The Vikings which will be the focus of our learning during Terms 1 and 2.

Our topic has had an exciting start as Year 5 took part in their own Big Bang day, designing and creating marvellous Viking longboats. The children will also take part in a whole school Big Bang event, which will involve the children bravely climbing a terrific tower. Later in the term, the children will be creating museum artefacts based around their learning on the Vikings- more details will be on offer to follow!

Any resources or expertise which you are able to share with us, linked with the Vikings would be most welcome. Please come and talk to us or leave a message at the school office - we would be delighted to see you.

Miss Cox Miss Lawrence

## REMINDERS

It is important that children get into the habit of handing homework in on time. Your support with this would be much appreciated. Our homework is handed out on a Friday and due in the following Thursday.

Please could you make sure that your child has a named P.E. kit in school - children will need shorts/tracksuit trousers, a white t-shirt, red sweatshirt and trainers. Children are encouraged to bring their P.E. kit into school at the beginning of term and take it home when the term ends. If your child is not able to take part in P.E. on a particular occasion, please send a letter in with them.

### Equipment

If children wish, they can bring a small pencil case into school. A handwriting pen (if they have a pen licence), pencil, rubber, ruler, pencil sharpener and coloured pencils are all very useful items.

Children are also encouraged to bring in a named water bottle which they can keep in the classroom.

If you have anything which you need to talk to us about, you can pass a message via the office, either in person or by telephone and we are normally available in classrooms after school.

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### AUTUMN Term



## NEWSLETTER

## Helping your child

English



In English this term we will be basing our learning around a short story: The Lost Thing before moving onto studying a seasonal poem and then finishing the term by focusing on Journey to Jo'Burg involving a thrilling quest. Children will develop their oral, comprehension and writing skills for different purposes. This will include developing their editing skills with a focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling.

It would be really helpful if your child could continue to read regularly at home and spend some time discussing what they have read with you. This will really help development in all aspects of literacy. Children should also keep their reading log up to date by recording each time they read.

We are continuing to use a cursive style of handwriting and it would be great if the children could practise this at home.

Maths



In Maths, we are covering many number skills including: place value, accurate recall of times tables and related division facts, securing methods used for all four operations and properties of numbers including factors and multiples. Our maths targets are based around fast and accurate recall of the times tables and related division facts. Regular practise at home will really help your child's recall of these tables.

Science



This term's Science focuses on Forces. In term 2 they will be exploring properties and changes of materials. Children will develop their investigative and research skills in these areas. If you have access to the internet, your child might like to look at the revision materials on: [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/)

R.E.



As part of the unit 'Why do some people think God exists?' the children will be sharing their ideas and raising questions about the nature and existence of God.

Music



During term 1, the children will be working with a specialist from the South Gloucestershire Music hub to develop their singing skills.

In Term 2, music lessons will continue to be based on a performance theme as we prepare for our Christmas production.

Towers, Tunnels and Turrets



Children have begun a topic on the Vikings and will be developing their understanding of key historical events that occurred during this time period.

To do this they will be learning to apply a number of historical skills such as gathering information from different sources, placing key events on a timeline and recalling important dates and names. The unit will end in an exciting exhibit, where the children will be able to celebrate their learning and showcase their creativity.

PSHE



This term's Jigsaw topics are Being Me in My World and Celebrating differences. There will also be work on Anti-Bullying, Road Safety and Firework Safety. In these areas children will continue to develop social and empathy skills. They will think about what teamwork means and the importance of taking responsibility for their actions.

## Days to remember

P.E. takes place on the following days:

Class 11 –Wednesday and Friday

Class 12– Wednesday and Friday

Whilst the school pool is open, we will be swimming on the following days:

Class 11: Wednesday

Class 12: Thursday

Additionally, after the October half term we will be swimming at Longwell Green Leisure Centre. Confirmation of dates will be given nearer the time.

Please remind your child to have their kit in school.

