


# Year Five Newsletter: Autumn 1 2020

We hope you all had a lovely summer break.

We are delighted to be back in school with the children and are ready for a term's fantastic learning, which will encompass the gory aspects of the Viking era, in our topic Raiders and Traders, as well as the possible geographical and trade reasons for the Viking invasions. We have a packed and exciting school schedule which we are delighted to be able to share with the children over the upcoming weeks.

The children are very keen to know when they will be starting their swimming lessons. We **do not yet** have a date for when these will start, although the recent news over the weekend means that hopefully it won't be too long. We will of course keep you informed of any further developments as soon as we are aware of them.

Our Learning Theme Raiders and Traders		Important Dates:			
		Most dates in this term are to be confirmed, although we hope to have a visit to the Nature Reserve for Outdoor Learning.  Week commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> October – Parent Consultations, further information will follow as to how these will be held.			
Homework		Learning Log		PE Days	
Spelling and maths homework will be sent every week on a Friday. Please return homework books to school on a Friday morning. Spellings will be tested on a Friday afternoon. Feel free to access TTRockstars for additional support with times tables which will help your child progress rapidly.		Learning Logs are issued just before the beginning of a new topic. The children can pursue any area of interest regarding our theme and can produce work in whichever format they choose. These are to be returned to school on Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October.		Thursday– Outdoor– Tag Rugby Friday– Swimming lessons– <b>To be confirmed</b> Your child will soon need a swimming costume, towel and goggles (optional) in a bag on a Friday for their swimming lessons. Long hair (both genders) must be tied up and no jewellery at all can be worn in the pool including stud earrings. Children may bring a healthy snack for the journey home.	
Curriculum					
English		Maths		Science and Theme	
This half term we will be reading ‘Viking Boy’, an interesting historical fiction book by Tony Bradman, which will enable us to focus on the key skills of characterisation, plot and setting, to enable us to write an alternative story ending. Our GPS work will encompass revision from Year Four, as well as new aspects of the Year Five curriculum.		The children will study place value as well as addition and subtraction this term. There will be plenty of opportunities to consolidate aspects of arithmetic from Year Four, as well as a focus on new learning and plenty of practice of key mathematical skills.		This half term we will be looking at the properties of materials and building on previous learning. Children will carry out experiments to develop their scientific understanding. The theme of Raiders and Traders will look at the Viking invasions, as well as the unification of the country with the Anglo Saxons, and trade between the Vikings and other countries.	
Other:				Year Five Team	
PSHE: This half term begins with some whole school work on the Oliver Jeffers story, Here We Are. This work has been specially developed by experts to give children an opportunity to discuss feelings and thoughts in a safe space, and to help them to process their recent experiences. It also reflects our whole school focus on the future, Bright Horizons.				Mrs Noble - Hawking class teacher and Leader of Learning for the Later Phase Miss Walton- Curie class teacher Miss Woolley -Curie class teacher Mr Drew - Hawking class Mr Feather -Curie Class Miss Hodgson - Hawking Class Ms Bell - Trainee Teacher (Curie Class)	
<u>Leader of Learning in the Later Phase</u> I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Later Phase Leader of Learning. I have worked in year groups across the whole school and have been leader of English for the last three years. My work as English leader and on spoken language has led me to be recognised as a Specialist Leader of Education in Bradford. I am passionate about instilling a love of learning in all of our children. If you would like to speak to me about any aspect of your child’s learning or school experience, then please contact the office or email at the address below.					
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