



Vikings, migration and fractions!

Year 5 Newsletter

Welcome back to all children and parents in Year 5! We hope you have had a lovely half term break.

This newsletter outlines some of the things we are studying this half term and ideas for how to support your child at home. We hope you find it useful and please let us know if you have any questions.

From Mr Malley, Mrs Doyle and Miss Brocksom

Our History Topic this half term is the Vikings.

Our enquiry question is:

What can we learn from the raids and invasions by Vikings in Anglo-Saxon Britain?

We will be learning about when and where the Vikings came from and why they invaded Britain. We will also be learning about various Anglo-Saxon kings and how successful they were. We will also study how the Vikings shaped Britain.



You could try:

- Visiting the museums in Leeds to explore History.
- Researching the topic at home using the internet and books. Make sure you share your findings with the class!

English

In writing, we are starting off learning how to persuade by looking at 'for and against' arguments of pupils bringing mobile phones to school. Here we will develop skills using: parenthesis, emotive language, adverbs for cohesion, imperative verbs and rhetorical questions.



You could try:

- Conduct your own research and find out about animals that migrate.
- Write a non-chronological report about an animal of your choice.
- Create a leaflet about your chosen animal.

Maths

In Maths we will be learning about fractions.

In these lessons, we will be learning about equivalent fractions, mixed numbers, improper fractions and adding fractions with a value greater than one.

We will also continue to boost our times tables recall with weekly practices and tests.

You could try:

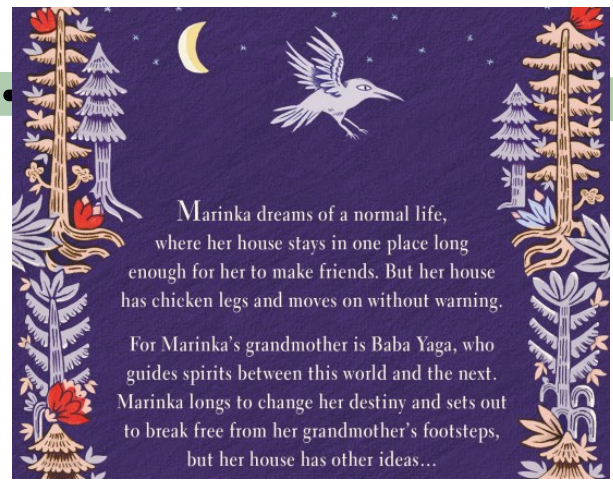
- Practicing Times Tables Rockstars and other Times Tables Games
- Playing on 'Daily 10'. A free game on the top marks website which helps you practice various Mental Maths skills.

Love to Read

This half term we are reading 'The House with the Chicken Legs' by Sophie Anderson. Read the blurb in the image to the right.

We will be practicing our reading skills by answering comprehension questions linked to this book.

Once we have finished learning about this fiction book we will move on to 'The Wonder Garden' by Jenny Broom for our non-fiction book and we will be reading 'The Owl and the Pussy cat' for our poetry Love to Read lessons.



You could try:

- Creating a story map as we read the story.
- Write a diary entry as one of the characters.
- Create a new front cover to the book.

PE

PE days are Tuesday and Friday this year.

This half term, MVMNT will teach gymnastics on a Tuesday.

On Fridays, pupils will focus on skills within Dodgeball.



Science

We are studying 'Living things and their habitats' this half term. We will be learning about reproduction in both plants and animals. We will also be learning about life cycles and comparing life cycles of amphibians, insects and mammals.



You could try:

- Research Jane Goodall and create a poster about your findings.
- Plan and conduct your own experiment on plants.

Homework and Spellings

Homework will be set every Friday and due in the following Friday.

Each week the children will have:

- Maths
- Reading at least four times a week
- Spelling Practice
- Creative homework ideas (optional)



The children should record their reading in their homework diaries. Pupils who continue to do so will be rewarded! Diaries will be checked on a Monday.