Vikings, Wizards, Witches, Superheroes and Wolves!

Year 5 Newsletter- Autumn 2

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 Mughal & Miss Boylan.

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!

Writing

In writing, we are learning how to write arguments. We have discussed what features effective written arguments use and have developed these skills in lessons. We are building up to pupils answering the following question.

Would you rather?

Be a wizard or a superhero?





You could try:

- Creating a persuasive argument at home about a topic that you want change in. This could be your own life or a wider global issue.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about shape as part of MART week.

We will then move onto our first fractions unit. 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.

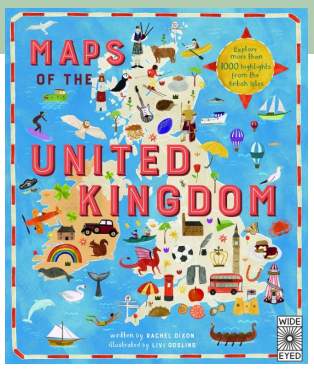
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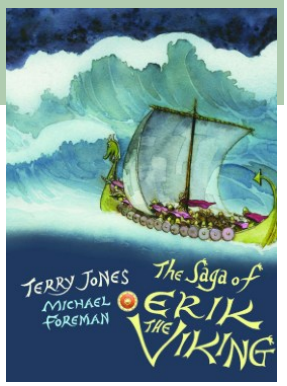
In year 5, we have enjoyed our class book Viking Boy and will be voting on a new class text soon!

In lessons we will focus on fictional texts such as: 'The Saga of Erik the Viking' and Loaf the Viking'. In later non-fiction texts we will look at 'Maps of the UK' and 'Beach Explorers'. In poetry we will look at 'The Christmas Truce'.

<u>You could try:</u>

- Creating a story map of our class book so far.
- Write a diary entry as one of the characters.
- Create a new front cover to the book.





PE

PE days are **<u>Tuesday</u>** and **Wednesday** this year.

This half term, Mr Malley will teach badminton on a Wednesday. MVMNT will teach **gymnastics** on a Tuesday.



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.



<u>You could try:</u>

- 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)
- IXL practice (optional)



The children should record their reading in their homework diaries. Pupils who continue to do so will