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Welcome Back - Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, a very Happy New Year to all our children and families. As we begin the New Year, we will start to read our new texts: 'Viking Boy' and 'Odd and the Frost Giants'. Through this, the children will travel back in time to learn more about the Vikings including how they arrived in Britain, their beliefs and how they lived their lives.

In English, the children will be developing their vocabulary when writing a diary entry in role as one of the main characters - Gunnar. During this unit, the children will spend time manipulating their writing to ensure it is effective for their reader. They will also learn to use a wider range of punctuation when they explore parenthesis. They will apply their grammar skills to write a newspaper report based on the Viking invasion of Lindisfarne. The children will continue to use different practice strategies to learn the Year 5 and 6 statutory spelling words. Your child will also receive spellings to practise at home each week, in preparation for a weekly spelling test.

In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of multiplying and dividing. The children will learn how to multiply unit fractions by a whole number. They will also begin to learn how to read and write simple decimals and percentages, linking this to their previous learning on fractions. In order to access this learning confidently, the children need to improve the speed of their recall of multiplication and division facts. We thank you for supporting your child with this at home and please encourage them to continue using Times Table Rock Stars. This is such an important thing to do each night.

In Science, the children will learn about the changes and properties of materials. They will learn about transparency, hardness, electrical conductors and magnetism. They will use this knowledge to plan and carry out an investigation to answer the question: which material is the best insulator of heat?

Many thanks in advance for your support and we are really looking forward to a new year and a new half term in Year 5. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via their planners or by contacting the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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