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Welcome Back Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable and restful break. We cannot believe that we are now over halfway through the school year! It has been brilliant watching how engaged the children have been in discovering all about the Lindisfarne invasion by the Vikings and their newspaper reports were amazing. I am sure they will want to celebrate these with you during the upcoming parent's evenings.

We are looking forward to continuing with our topic: 'Invasions', where we will discover more about Viking settlement in Britain. In English, we will continue to read Viking Boy alongside a Norse myth. The children will then be using this to write their own version of a myth. This half term in Maths the children will be developing their knowledge of fractions, by learning to multiply fractions. Knowing their times tables will really help support this and I know you will continue to encourage your child at home to practise these on Times Tables Rock Stars. In Science this half term the children will be looking at life cycles and the changes humans go through in their life. This will also support the learning in our Sex and Relationships Education unit this half term, where the children will continue their learning from Year 4 when they relook at the changes for boy and girls during puberty. A separate email will be sent regarding this.

As you are aware, children are expected to read at home daily and record the book title and pages read in their planners. Please support your child with this and sign their planners. Stars will only be awarded if all of the information is recorded. Reading regularly at home will help the children develop their stamina for reading as well as widen their vocabulary and develop their reading fluency.

Children will continue to receive spellings that are appropriate to their ability and as always, they will have access to Spelling Shed to practise these both in school and at home. Please ensure you test your child at home and complete the 'home' section of the spelling booklet prior to the children being tested on a Monday. Thank you for your continued support with this.

PE continues to be on **Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child has both outdoor and indoor kit to change into and that **all** jewellery is removed. **Children must have a pair of trainers for PE** that are not the shoes they wear to school.

Thank you for all your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please write a note in your child's planner or contact the school office.

Very best wishes,

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