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Dear Parents/ Carers and Children,

A warm welcome to start of the new academic year! I'm very excited about teaching Year 5 this year and we've had a super positive start to the year! 😊

The following is to provide you with some useful information about Year 5 and what to expect.

Please look at our *Topic Web* to see the exciting learning the children will discover this term. Our overarching theme will be 'The dawning of a new age – The Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings' in our history lessons, which will guide and link to many of the subjects taught in school.

The children will learn **Spanish** with **Mrs Garner** after lunch on a Wednesday. **Mr Brown** will be in the class all day on a Thursday, so **P.E. kits** will need to be in school on that day, where the children will have two sessions: one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Please could children have some old clothes to leave in the cupboard to change in to when we go to the **woods**. This will not be on any specific day, but will be lesson and weather led! A pair of wellies to leave in school would also be a very good idea, as during the wetter months, it can get very muddy! There are several pairs of wellies left from previous years (as children grow out of them), which you are more than welcome to use. If you wanted to come and have a look, bring a Sharpie pen and write your child's name in a pair! 😊

Homework

All children are expected to practise their **reading** at home, as they have done in previous years. Year 5 is the beginning of Upper Key Stage 2 and so we want to encourage them to develop independence, including independent learning. The children need encouragement to read at home, and the hope is that they develop a **daily** routine, with your help, that fits into your family life where they make reading a part of their everyday lives. Like last year, the children will be 'quizzing books' on AR (Accelerated Reader), which will show their progress and see them climbing through the different levels. Your child will have a ZPD – a reading-age-related score – which tell us what colour books they need to choose in the classroom. We have plenty of books in the classroom (or the library) for all colour bands, so there is plenty of choice. If you are unsure what colour band your child is currently working on, don't hesitate to pop in or getting in touch via Class Dojo or through Mrs Dunbar.

Spellings – these will be brought home weekly, on a Friday, to learn for a test the following Friday. Some children will have other spellings, which will be part of spelling intervention work in school.

Times tables – Although your child will have taken the statutory test last year, it's still important to keep these fresh and practised regularly. Children can practise **individual tables** that need working on, but for general practice, children can also spend some time **Doodle Tables**.

Doodle Maths – Please ensure your child uses the Doodle Maths app regularly (at least 5 times per week is recommended). This tracks their progress and also identifies and practises weaker areas. The **Chilli Challenge** sheet is optional. This is a series of tasks or challenges that can be completed at home, should you or your child want to do something extra.



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I'm hoping to have an Anglo-Saxon/Viking day some time in the second half term, so hopefully this gives you plenty of time to search for creative ways to make a costume! 😊

Please can I also ask that your child's clothes are all clearly labelled, as we end up with so many unclaimed items each year. Thank you.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Looking forward to meeting you at the parent consultations soon.

With very best wishes,

Mr Hill