

YEAR 5

at Whaplode Primary



Welcome back and I hope you all have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year... two weeks goes so quickly. We are now back to normal service and striving to have Year 5 meet their full potential with a very full timetable of learning.

Maths

During this part of the Spring term Year 5 will be continuing to develop their understanding of key mathematical concepts, such as area, multiplication and division. This will then lead them into decimals, percentages and fractions. During the lessons there is an initial focus on fluency, which when mastered, naturally leads them through to developing problem solving and reasoning skills, which I try to contextualise for them, with experienced based problems.

English

Our focus for writing this term is 'recounts', and a deeper understanding of the writing and editing processes that can be used to improve their first drafts. The children will use their experiences from the Viking Wow Day, to help them build an accurate recount, in turn this will lead them to use and develop their writing skills whilst utilising 'recount' key features more easily.

Name :

These scores are for this stage of the year only.
WB- Working below
WH- Wkg towards
EX- Wkg at expected
GDS- Greater depth

Reading:

Writing:

Maths:

Topic

The topic for this term is 'The Vikings'. We will be exploring everything from why they invaded England, through to what they brought with them, that effected England's way of life. We have a WOW day planned and the opportunity to make a Viking shoe.

Science

Our science focus this term is 'forces'. Not that force, but forces that we can find in real life and experiment with.

We are hoping to create experiments that will explore gravity, wind and water resistance, along with friction. Also to understand the theories of some of the great thinkers, such as Galileo and the tower of Pisa, and Sir Isaac Newton and his theory of gravity.



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Appeal

The school is always looking for helpers that are interested in volunteering in our wonderful school, especially if they are perhaps considering a career in education.

If this is something you have or are considering, please speak to the office or a member of staff about coming in to help.

PE

Friday MORNINGS are now Year 5's slot for PE, however the decision of being outdoor or indoor will still remain dependent on the weather. So could I please ask that PE kits be with the guys on Fridays. Also, with the weather so very cold, could I also ask that you make sure they have warm sweaters and tracksuit bottoms with them, as well as their usual coloured T-shirt please. Multi layers are a better way of staying warm. Thank you.

Homework

The expectation from the school is that all children read, at least four times a week. What I am asking the children to then do, is write a short paragraph in their reading diary, on what they have read. This will help them in the future for year 6.

Additionally, there are spellings, grammar and punctuation - which would have been taught in class. Spellings are then tested on Friday along with a quick recall times table challenge. This is an individual challenge, where they compete against their previous score.

Contact

If you have any worries or would like to discuss anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me or the office, so an appointment can be made. Additionally, you can always talk to me in the play ground or before school starts. Many thanks and take care.