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Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! Welcome back after what was hopefully a fabulous Christmas. Spring Term promises to be very exciting for Year 5's children and we hope to build on what was a very successful Autumn Term.

As always, I and supporting staff are working to make sure the children learn in a fun and exciting way and we are looking forward to a number of special events. Please remember that you do not have to wait until parents' evening to get in touch. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of school life, our door is always open.

Invaders or Settlers ?

We have a new WOW question in our curriculum work this term- Invaders or Settlers? Our curriculum work will see the children learning all about life in Anglo-Saxon times and conflict with the Vikings.

Children will learn about a range of subjects around the topic including materials (for homes) and their properties. They will look at the Bayeux tapestry in art.

If you have any resources or books at home which could help the children with their understanding of these topics (and would be happy to let us have use of them), please get in touch.

Weekly Spellings

Weekly spellings will continue to be given out at the start of every week, in preparation for Friday morning's test. Last term, children trialled an online app called Spelling Shed- this was a great success and children were thoroughly engaged and enthusiastic about their spellings. This term, this will continue and the weekly spellings will also be uploaded onto the app, giving children the opportunity to use this to further practice at home. I will be sending home usernames and logins again; if you require any further support or information, please get in touch.

Reading for the Stars

It is essential that pupils read at home to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading record



signed accordingly. Children will also read regularly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. As we have previously mentioned, when children read to an adult, it can be extremely beneficial not only to listen to them, but also to discuss their reading; making predictions, expressing opinions, finding evidence to justify their thoughts etc. These skills can really help to bring on pupils' comprehension and help them to become even more fluent and capable readers. And don't forget, we also have reading parties available to all pupils at the end of term, so get those weekly reads in!

PE Kit

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit into school every day. PE is scheduled to take place on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. However, activities in other curriculum areas may require the wearing of PE kits. This term they will need both indoor and outdoor kit.

Medical Concerns

Please ensure that school has all up to date medical information needed for your child. If they have an inhaler or any other medication, then please check that these are 'in date' and in school. Over the course of the year we may have activities which involve children tasting food, cooking and baking. If your child has any allergies to food or ingredients, please make sure that we are aware of this.

Parents' Dialogue

We will be holding a parents' consultation evening shortly. However, if there is anything at all that you would like to discuss in the meantime, please feel free to contact us. By maintaining a positive relationship and dialogue between parents and staff, we can ensure that your child gets the most out of their time in school. I look forward to working with you over the course of this term.

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