

YEAR 5 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: SPRING TERM 2022

THRIVING IN YEAR 5

Welcome back to the new term. Our year 5 are doing brilliantly, they have settled back into the new year and are enjoying our new topic of The Vikings, which includes an experience day to live like a Viking! We are also now doing swimming as part of our PE sessions which is a great life skill for all our children to enjoy. Later in the term they will have the chance to take part in the National Bikeability scheme too. Our second topic this term will be North America, which is a very varied topic with the chance to learn about the continent and even create a theme park to rival Disney World! We would like to share with you some information about what your child will be learning over the Spring Term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS	<p>We expect a high standard of behaviour from all children which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p> <p>Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week and House Points certificates).</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly according to the academy's Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child's behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>	UNIFORM	<p>Uniform is the same for Years 4-6. All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform.</p> <p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform, all items can be purchased from the academy office.</p>	START OF DAY ACTIVITY (SODA)	<p>For the first 15 minutes of every day there will be a focused learning activity planned by the teacher. This involves arithmetic challenges to master these skills and time practicing their times tables and division facts – these are vital for all areas for maths. It is also a time to get help with any areas they are struggling with and ensure they are prepared for the day. If your child arrives late they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time (by 8:55am) every day.</p>
		TRIPS	<p>The children will be having a visit from a Viking to experience what life was like in those times.</p> <p>Some children are taking part in The Braunstone Beats concerts and the whole year will be able to go along to support and watch the concert later in the February.</p>		



Over the Spring term, children will learn about the life and adventures of the Vikings and the culture, nature and lifestyles of North America.

Please see the sheet attached to this newsletter for more information about these topics in Year 5 this term.



Our PE day this term is Tuesday. PE is part of our academy curriculum and **we expect all children to wear a full PE kit to school** so that they can take part in their PE sessions on this day.

They should also bring their swimming kit including swimming costume, towel and hairbrush in a bag on this day too.

Jewellery should not be worn on this day. Earrings cannot be worn during PE sessions. Teachers and Teaching Assistants are not allowed to help children remove their earrings. If your child has recently had their ears pierced they will have to bring micropore tape to cover their earrings until they can take them out.

Queensmead Quests will continue to be given out once per half term. The aim is to provide a range of challenges for your child to choose from. We would be grateful if you can support and encourage them. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support.

In addition, we expect children to be **reading for at least 10 minutes daily**. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding.

Children have logins to **Purple Mash** and **Times Table Rock Stars** where they can access a range of activities and improve their timetable skills.

They will also have weekly spellings which they are welcome to practice at home as well as at school. These will be assessed weekly on a Friday.

If you have any problem or concern – who do you ask?

- Class Teachers – Mrs Peutherer and Miss Brewin
- Deputy Principals – Mrs Bentley & Mrs Catlow
- Principal – Mrs Latham

Thank you on behalf of the Year 5 team.