



Year 5

Newsletter to parents

Summer Term 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break. We are really looking forward to this new and exciting term and all the learning that comes with it.

Our topic for this half term is called 'Vicious Vikings' which will include a variety of subjects. In History we will be finding out all about the Vikings; how they lived and their travels and wars. Design and Technology and Art will follow this theme closely, with the children making Viking dishes and themed artwork. We will also be looking at the Battle of Hastings and will be re-enacting this during some drama lessons. To fully bring the topic to life, we will be visiting West Stow, an Anglo Saxon Village. During the day children will have the opportunity to investigate life as an Anglo-Saxon through original objects and discover the effect of the Viking invasion. In Science, we will be learning about the lifecycles of plants. This will involve the children planting a variety of seeds and designing their own investigations to monitor this.



Rounders, Tennis and Athletics will be covered in our outdoor PE lessons this term. For the first half term in Tennis we will be focusing on hitting into a space, fast feet for movement and scoring in game situation. In Rounders we will be developing our skills of accurate overarm and underarm throwing, batting into a space and working as part of a team when fielding. In Athletics we will focusing on running, jumping and throwing, focusing on a different event each lesson. Outdoor PE will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**, but this can vary so please do ensure that your child has their full PE kit with them every day.



In Computing this term we will be using 3D graphical modelling to create and explore objects. We will review operating systems, evaluate films and animations and finally go on to create live film or animations for a specific audience. The children will also demonstrate their understanding of copyright and ownership during this topic.

Home Learning will continue to be set on Thursdays and collected in the following Tuesday. It will relate to the children's English, Mathematics or topic work and it is expected that children spend no more than forty-five minutes on this. In addition, children are expected to read regularly at home, at least three times a week. Asking your children questions about the text will help them to develop their retrieval and deduction skills. This reading can be recorded in their blue reading record books in a format your child finds helpful.



If possible, please also ensure that your child brings a named plastic drinks bottle with them to school, which they can refill during the day (these should only contain water please).

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive term, and welcome parental help for topic based activities. Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ross and Miss Carter