



## Year 5 Summer Term Newsletter.

Welcome back after the Easter holiday's we hope you all had a wonderful time and enjoyed the Spring weather.

Last term was action packed. We were in full exploration mode as we rocketed to stars and beyond. Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed our previous topic of Space Explorers; where we learnt all about our amazing solar system and beyond. It was topic which truly captivated our imagination. We would also like to thank you for all the support you have provided. The projects which the children have brought in are fantastic so thank you for your support in helping the children to bring their learning to life.



Our final topic for the year will be Vikings! We will be climbing in our time machines to head off into the past to explore all about the Vikings and their lives. It will be a great opportunity to investigate this exciting time period and to learn all about the Vikings and their impact on Britain. To help us kick-start our topic we held a dress like a Viking day and invited in a real-life Viking to help us get into character. It was a truly unforgettable day, where the children learnt first-hand what it was like to be a Viking and all the hard-ships they endured. We also asked the children to bring in something which they had made or discovered about the Vikings over the holidays and once again the children didn't disappoint. This amazing first day really helped bring our topic to life and get the children interested in their upcoming learning.

### Our core value: Courage

This half term we will be exploring our core value of Courage. This value will be promoted and investigated within our whole school worships and our class worships. Please explore the value of courage at home. Key questions could be: What is courage? How can we show courage? What does courage look like? When do we need courage? Who can help give us courage?



### Uniform Update:

All children must come to school in the appropriate school uniform. The children must wear the Academy at St James polo shirt with either a cardigan or jumper, a tie and black trousers or skirt. Also, black footwear is essential. Please be aware that black trainers are not acceptable. If you have any questions or queries please speak to either Miss Spivey or Mrs Allingham.

Moreover, with the weather turning warmer the children will be having PE outdoors more often, please ensure that they have a plain black or grey tracksuit with no branding.

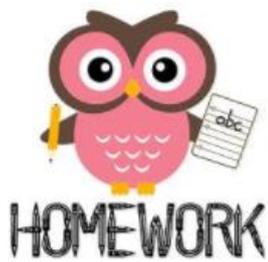
A failure to provide the correct uniform could result in warnings from school which may lead to behaviour sanctions being enforced. This is stated in our behaviour policy.

### Behaviour

In Year 5 we promote a positive behaviour system where we reward and praise positive behaviours. Rewards for positive behaviours include; house points which lead to the children being in the Golden Book. If your child appears regularly in the book they are awarded certificates, special prizes and rewards and even trips out for ice cream and pizza! Also, every half term we hold Green Parties; these are for all the children who have been on Green every day for the half term. In the Green Parties the children play games, have party food and are given extra rewards for their excellent behaviour choices. Each child tracks their behaviour on their individual Success Chart. If your child doesn't follow the school's behaviour policy then they will be awarded 'colours'. These colours affect whether your child goes to the Green Parties but also whether they go to their Golden Time club or even school trips. If you have any concerns or queries about the behaviour system please speak to either Miss Spivey or Mrs Allingham.

### Upcoming Special Days

Throughout the term we will be enriching the children's learning with special days and events. We will be holding a Year 5 Science Day on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April to help launch and promote our Science curriculum. The children will have the opportunities to investigate and conduct various science experiments. We are also planning a trip to Jorvik in York. It is an amazing place where Viking Britain is brought to life. We will provide further details about the trip later in the term. Another special event we are planning is for outdoor learning expert: Phil Lowd to come in and help us hold a Viking Themed Outdoor day, where we will be experiencing life as a Viking. We have plenty more exciting days and events upcoming and details will be released nearer the time.



### Homework:

Homework is set weekly. It goes out on a Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday. Each child is expected to complete a piece of Maths, Spelling and English every week. As well as homework being completed to a high standard we also expect every child to read every day for 10 minutes. This should be recorded in the children's Homework Planners, planners are checked every Wednesday to ensure the children are reading regularly.

### Times Tables and Spellings:

By the end of Year 5 the children are expected to know and recall their times tables facts up to 12x12. They are also expected to know and recall the inverse of these facts (division)



The children will be tested weekly on their times table knowledge so please practise with your children regularly at home. If you have any difficulties with this please speak to either Miss Spivey or Mrs Allingham.

Moreover, the children are expected to know and spell correctly the spelling list for Year 3/4. These should be spelt correctly in all work and should be embedded solidly. As well as the Year 3/4 spelling words; the children also need to be spelling correctly the Year 5/6 words. It is important that the children are familiar with these words as they form part of our end of year assessment.