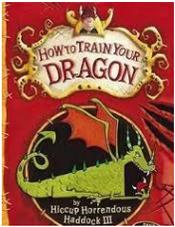


## Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to school Year 5. We are so excited to see you all again and we can't wait to start settling back into routines and starting our exciting learning journey. We enjoyed our bump up week and we can't wait to find out more about you as we learn lots of new things.

English this term we will be studying *How To Train Your Dragon* as our class novel. This is a fun way for us to develop our English skills and learn more about the Vikings.

On a weekly basis, children will also be given spellings to learn for a test and these will be uploaded onto Seesaw on a Monday. Children will have opportunities to practise learning how to correctly spell these words at school, but additional practice at home will greatly benefit your child



### Maths

This term our learning will include: place value (understanding the value of any digit in a number up to at least one million); four written operations (+ - X ÷); number patterns (e.g. what number would come next in this sequence; 3,7,11 ...?); rounding whole numbers and decimals (e.g. round 8.6 to the nearest whole number).

Knowledge of times tables forms a crucial foundation for most Maths concepts in Year 5. If your child has not yet mastered the quick recall of times tables, there are several online games and apps which provide a fun way to support at home such as Hit the Button: (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths=games/hit-the-button>).

### Explore, Dream, Discover Curriculum

In History, we will be learning about the Vikings. We will be learning about the reasons for the Viking invasion and their decision to settle in the United Kingdom.

In Science the children will be learning about animals including humans. The children will develop their understanding of life cycles, plant reproduction and how human beings change over time.

In Art and Design Technology we will continue to develop the children's skills and techniques including use of colour, sketching and 3-dimensional modelling.

### PE

This term PE will include a focus on fitness, The Willows Mile and football. We will be encouraging students to make goals based on their ability and charting their progress. Remember that children are now asked to come to school wearing their PE kit on Thursdays and they will remain in their kit throughout the day.

The children will have lessons delivered by the Time for Sport team. There will also be a monthly challenge to take part in, where children will compete against other classes and try to improve their own skills in a range of activities.

## Homework

Homework will be given out on a weekly basis – it will be sent via Seesaw, an online learning platform, on a Wednesday to be completed by the following Monday. This will alternately focus on the core subjects of English and Mathematics. Follow-up activities are often planned which relate to the homework, so it is important that children return their completed work promptly. Towards the end of the term, the children will have some optional creative homework which will link to the topic for the next term.

Homework is planned to closely match children's ability and to support what they have been learning in class. Most children will complete the same task online and there will be an extension question or activity for those who want to further extend their knowledge.

Reading books will continue to be sent home and we encourage children to read at least 5 times a week. Reading progress will continue to be monitored using Accelerated Reader. Reading will be recorded in school by the children and teachers instead of in a reading diary.

This year we are using ClassDojo for our reward system and as our primary communication tool. Messages for whole school events and individual class activities will be posted in this way. Please contact your teacher using ClassDojo. If you have not yet signed up to ClassDojo, please ask your child's teacher to invite you again.

Thank you for all the support that you give your child in their learning.