

## Year 5 Autumn 2 Newsletter

The children have made a fantastic start to the term! In this newsletter you can see some of the exciting learning we will be doing in Year 5 this term. On the back is our Viking Knowledge Organiser to show you what the children will be learning in their topic this term.

### **Reading**

Children will be reading 'Beetle Boy' by MG Leonard. This is an awarding winning children's book which has proved very popular with children in the past.

*Can a boy be best friends with a beetle? Thirteen-year-old Darkus Cuttle's search for his kidnapped father leads him to discover a mountain of extraordinary beetles, and pits him against the mad-scientist of the fashion world, Lucretia Cutter, a villainess with an alarming interest in insects.*



We will also be reading lots of short ghost stories by Louise Cooper and Kevin Crossley-Holland.

### **Writing**

Children will be writing their own short ghost stories. They will be learning how to create atmosphere using figurative language and how to create action sequences using adverbials.

### **Maths**

Children will be working on addition and subtraction, problem solving, multiplication and division, and statistics.

### **History**

Children will be learning about the Viking invasion of Britain.



### **Science**

Children will be studying 'Forces' and exploring the work of Sir Isaac Newton.



### **Computing**

Children will be developing their coding skills, looking at conditional codes, while loops and debugging.

### **Art**

Children will be developing their sketching and sculpting skills in their 'Viking Heads' project.

### **PE**

PE will be on a Tuesday ('PE with Joe' fitness) and Wednesday afternoon (Agility skills). If your child is unable to take part in PE due to a medical reason, please ask your GP to provide school with a letter.

### **Homework**

The most important thing your child can do at home to help with their progress at school is to read. Reading for 15 minutes a day will make a huge difference to your child so please make sure they are reading at home every day for a minimum of 15 minutes.

TTRocks and Numbots are excellent tools for developing your child's confidence in maths.

A weekly spelling list will be sent home with your child on a Monday to learn for a test on Friday. As the spellings are more complex, we will build on the spellings week by week, 3 at a time. Please encourage your child to practise these spellings at home as we all know 'practice makes permanent'!

**From the Year 5 Team: Miss Todd, Mrs Pawluk and Mr Crosby.**