



Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Welcome to Year 5!

We hope that you and your family have had a lovely summer break. All of us in the Year 5 team are very excited about the fantastic year of learning ahead! Personally, I am thrilled to be teaching your children again and I look forward to working alongside you throughout this year. We are very fortunate to have the support of both Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Doheny as our teaching assistants. Additionally, Mrs. Combes will be taking the children for ICT and Mr. Owers will be leading P.E. on Friday afternoons.

Learning in Year 5

During this term, we will be exploring the reign of the **Vicious Vikings**. A curriculum map, which gives an outline of the topics covered, will follow this letter. We intend to share as much of your child's learning as possible through our weekly learning note and via the Year 5 school blog. You will also have the opportunity to see their amazing work first hand when we open our Viking museum later in the year.

Reading

The children have been given new reading records to record their reading in. It would be great if you could listen to your child read at least twice a week. It makes a huge difference to their confidence in lessons and helps build their wider vocabulary.

Furthermore, this year, the children will have the opportunity to become Reading Ambassadors for the school as part of the #Wroxhamreading scheme. We will explain more about this soon. In class, we will promote a love of reading through engaging with our class book and by encouraging every child to read daily.

Times Tables, Spellings and SPAG.com

We will practise our times tables every week in class. Mrs. Combes will continue working with your child on their personalised programme to ensure that they master each times table. Additionally, through our Magic 10 sessions, we will build on their understanding of associated facts within multiplication.





Spellings will be shared with you every week via the Learning Note. Each spelling rule will be explored in class and integrated into our learning throughout the week before being tested on Friday. The children will also be set challenges on SPAG.com to support learning from our English lessons.

Our weekly Learning Note will be uploaded to the class blog every Friday. Paper copies will also be available from the classroom. Please do not hesitate to talk to us if your child is experiencing any difficulties with their work.

P.E.

Our P.E. days this term will be on **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit (blue polo shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers) and that these are clearly labelled.

Forest School

Our Forest School sessions will take place on **Monday afternoons**. The children should bring old clothing to change into for all sessions e.g. trainers or wellies, tracksuit bottoms and waterproofs. We intend to go out in all weathers so the children will need to be appropriately dressed.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Year 5 team. There will be parent consultations later in the term but we are available most days after school if you wish to discuss any immediate concerns. Alternatively, you can contact the office and make an appointment or email me via ben.herbert@thewroxham.net.

We look forward to working with you this year.

With kind regards,

Ben Herbert, Fiona Brown and Debbie Doheny.

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