

Welcome back to the final half-term of the year! I hope the children are well rested and ready for our final few weeks of Year 5.

### <u>Maths</u>



This half-term, we will be developing our knowledge of fractions and using our reasoning skills to help us solve problems. We will also be exploring measurement and angles as well as working on our arithmetic skills. It is lovely to see the children gaining confidence with their times tables. Please continue to encourage this at home through websites such as TT Rock stars or Hit the Button.

# <u>English</u>

In our English sessions we will be exploring the text 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman. We will also be writing persuasive letters for Healthy Week linking to our theme work. We will be applying the rules of grammar and narrative writing that we have learnt throughout the year to develop an effective piece. We will be focusing on:

- using high level punctuation for effect
- using a range of clauses
- editing and improving our work effectively

In reading, we will continue to develop our VIPERS skills across a range of reading texts and comprehension papers. Thank you for all of your support with the children's reading at home. Please continue to encourage them to both read regularly and spend time on Read Theory to develop their skills.

### <u>Theme</u>

We are starting the half term with Healthy Week where we will focus on healthy bodies and healthy minds, After healthy week, we will be starting our history learning with a topic focused on the Anglo-Saxons. We will develop our skills in history by exploring sources of evidence and considering how the past has impacted on the present day. In our Science lessons this half term we will be looking at forces and conducting experiments to find out the effects of different types of resistance. We also have Arts Week before the end of term with a theme of 'The Circus'

#### Homework and Spelling

Homework is sent out each Friday and consists of either Maths or English piece, spellings and reading.

Our spelling test is on Friday. To practise spellings your child can write out the word, cover and practise writing down the correct spelling. In class your child will look at the spelling pattern and spelling rule. It may help to underline the rule or pattern in each word when practising. Spelling practise can be short bursts throughout the week and can be completed in a written form or orally.

# <u>PE</u>

P.E. will continue to be on Thursday and Fridays. P.E. sessions will mostly be taking place outside. Please ensure your child has a full Godley P.E kit in school. This consists of a white t.-shirt, black shorts, pumps for indoor sessions and trainers for outdoor P.E. Your child may bring tracksuit bottoms and a top/fleece to wear, especially with most sessions being outdoors. These must be either black or grey or at the very least, dark in colour.

If you would like any further information about this half term in Year Five, please call in before or after school.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Miss Peacock