



19 September 2018

Year 5 Fortnightly Focus – 2

Our fortnightly letter outlines our main topics and themes for the next two weeks which we hope will enable you to talk to your child about their learning and support them further at home.

Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We've been finding out about what happened when the Romans left Britain and are moving on to learn about the Saxons. We're also learning some songs about the Vikings and will be performing these as part of our Parent Sharing.
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We've been writing kennings and learning to use hyphens. Next we'll be using ideas from Beowulf to create our own saga with monsters and a hero, focusing on expanding sentences to create powerful descriptions and choosing words for their effect. Spellings are tested and new spelling lists given out on Mondays. Copies of the lists and tips for learning spellings can be found in the Year 5 section of the website http://www.kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+5+Spellings&pid=112
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We'll be working on place value, identifying the value of each digit and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We'll then be applying these skills to solve problems and to calculate. We'll be working on addition and subtraction skills, first mentally then applying known facts to help us calculate quickly and efficiently using formal written methods. If necessary, please could you help your child to practise instant recall of all facts to 20 e.g. 13-8, 5+7 as these facts are essential for being able to add and subtract accurately using columns.
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MyMaths homework is due to be completed by 5 October. Please let us know if you don't have an Internet connection and these children can complete their homework at school. To help the children learn word meanings and the correct homophone to use in context (e.g. there/they're/their), we'd like all children in spelling groups 2 and 3 to write sentences including their spellings in their homework book every time they have a new set of 10 words. Several words could be combined into one sentence, as long as each word is used in a correct context. Group 1 need to practise their spellings in their homework book using rainbow writing, pyramid spellings or any other method that helps them to learn the order of the letters. Homework books will be checked weekly.
Other news and dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for coming to 'Meet the Teacher', the notes from the presentation are on the Curriculum / Year 5 page of the website. Break time snacks – please send only fruit or vegetables for morning break. Friday 19 October – Parent Sharing at 3pm in the hall The Year 5 page on our website is updated regularly with topic information and photographs; copies of class and whole school letters are also available on the website.

Do pop in to see us if you have any queries,

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