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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the next term, Year 5 will be studying the following areas:

Subject	Information
History	This half term children will learn about the Vikings, and consider the reasons why they raided and then settled in Britain. They will investigate the popular view of the Vikings as raiders, ruthless in their ways of obtaining wealth. They will study primary sources of evidence, such as accounts by monks of the raid on Lindisfarne, as well as archaeological finds, to understand why this interpretation of the Vikings has become so popular. They will examine King Alfred's struggle and victory over the Vikings.
ASPIRE	The ASPIRE focus for Spring 1 is Self Aware Samuel. Children will be encouraged to think about their own thoughts, feelings and responsibilities as well as the thoughts and feelings of those around them.
PE	Our PE unit focus this half term is Dance.
Spanish	This half term, our topic is Mi Ciudad (my city) Children will be taught to read and create simple sentences about places in a town; produce with a partner a dialogue about a variety of personal information; pronounce key Spanish phonic sounds.
Computing	This half term we will focus on Scratch Computing. In this unit, children investigate how to design backgrounds and sprite, as well as how to create a game with sound.
Science	Our Science focus this half term is: Properties of Materials. Children will learn about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. The children will sort and classify objects according to their properties. They will explore the properties of materials to find the most suitable material for different purposes. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate the best thermal insulator to make a lunch box, making predictions and forming conclusions. They will have the opportunity to work in a hands-on way to explore dissolving, identifying the different variables in their own investigations.
English PoR	This half term, our core text will be Stormbreaker. We will be practising a wide range of writing skills in order to create 3rd person narrative and persuasive texts. As well as applying spelling and handwriting skills, we will embed grammar skills from the Y5 curriculum such as including a range of sentence types, persuasive language/ linguistic features, paragraphing, accurate punctuation.
English DR	We will be developing our reading comprehension and revising how to answer different types of questions using clarifying, retrieval, inference, evaluation and making connections. We will also be using a wider range of comprehension resources to give children opportunities to experience a wider range of topics and themes.
Maths	Our maths focus this children will develop their skills further as they look to master the year 5 curriculum. The breakdown of study will depend on your child's group but will cover the following skills: • Multiplication/ Division • Fractions • Decimals and percentages

Homework:

Homework is not compulsory in England's schools but is officially encouraged as part of the learning cycle. Homework is set via Google Classroom every Friday and due the following Thursday.

Reading and Vocabulary	Children should read at home with an adult for at least **30 minutes** every day. Your child will also receive comprehension homework weekly.
Grammar and punctuation	IXL English: Grammar and punctuation work will be set on Google Classroom weekly.
Spelling	Spellings will be set on Google Classroom weekly. Please help your child to learn their weekly spellings.
Maths	IXL maths and times table: Maths work will be set on Google Classroom weekly.

Please ensure that your child has their **PE kit at school** on the following days:

Dahl class – Monday
Tan class – Friday

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher by emailing the office.
Yours sincerely,

Y5 team