

Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly welcome all of the children back to school and to their penultimate year at Wivelsfield Primary School. I have been so impressed with Year 5 in how they have settled in to the new routines.

**Our Learning Journey:** Main focus Terms 1-2 – Vikings and the Ocean:

- Our History topic question will be '**Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?**' We will be investigating what the Vikings were really like, creating a Viking trade route game, writing a version of a Viking saga, evaluating the impact of the Viking invaders on Britain and displaying the achievements of the Vikings in a 'Viking achievement gallery'.
- Our Geography topic question will be '**Why do oceans matter?**' We will be exploring the importance of our oceans and how they have changed over time with a focus on the Great Barrier Reef, specifically addressing climate change and pollution.

In Terms 3-4 we will be studying WW2 and Terms 5-6 we focus on Ancient Egyptians.

**Key Information:**

**Homework:** Homework will be set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday. All homework is set and handed in on Google Classroom. Full homework will be set from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Homework will typically consist of:

- Spellings - to practise and learn. Please encourage your child to use strategies they find most helpful. We will be exploring these throughout the term. The spelling list is also in child's reading diary.
- Daily reading – please encourage your child to read daily and fill out their reading journals. It is your child's responsibility to choose and change their reading books as required. The more they read the better writers they become!
- Times Tables Rock Stars – aiming for 20 minutes across the week
- Maths – a Maths Shed activity will be set each week
- Topic OR English – short piece of work linked to any of our foundation subjects OR practising a sentence structure, revising an area of grammar.

All passwords and usernames have been stuck into your child's toolkits at home and also sent home. Please do take a picture/copy of this to keep somewhere safe at home.

Homework is expected to be completed every week. Please do get in touch if there are any issues accessing the work at any point and I will do my best to help.

**Handwriting:** Children will be following a handwriting progression scheme across the whole school to develop their cursive writing and muscle memory for spellings. The year 5 children have already got off to a great start. We encourage children to take pride in their handwriting and in all of their writing, whatever stage of the handwriting journey they are at. Please do encourage this at home too.

**PE:** PE will take place on a Monday and a Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon PE in school with Mrs Sinclair. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct PE kit on these days. As always, long hair must be tied up and earrings to be taped or removed on the day of PE, along with removing any jewellery or watches.

**Computing:** Each week we have a computing lesson. It would be really useful – but not essential – for each child to bring in a cheap, named mouse if possible. This is a really useful skill for the

children to develop. This can be brought in on a Tuesday for computing and taken back home or kept in their trays during the week.

**Mobile Phones:** Please be aware that it is school policy that any mobile phones that are brought into school by the children are to be handed in as soon as they get to school. They are then kept securely in the office until the end of the day when they are brought back to the classroom to be given back to the children.

**PPA:** Wednesday afternoon is Planning, Preparation and Assessment time. My PPA will be covered by Mrs Thornton, a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant, who will alternate RE and Spanish each week and Mrs Sinclair who will teach PE. In terms 1, 3 and 5 we will also have music lessons taught in class by East Sussex Music Service every Wednesday.

**Teaching Assistant:** Mrs James is the class Teaching Assistant Monday to Friday, each morning.

Finally, if you have interests, skills, equipment or anything else that you would be prepared to share with Badger Class at some point, I'd love to hear from you!

Please do get in touch if there is anything else that I can help you with.

Best Wishes, Mrs Green and the Badger Team

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