



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term! We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break.

We have a busy term ahead, packed full of Summer activities. Our main topic this term is 'Raiders and Invaders' and we will be focusing on the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. With two key texts to base our learning on (*Beowulf* and *The Highwayman*), we will also have plenty of exciting writing opportunities.

### Home Learning

Year 5 children will continue to receive all of their Home Learning tasks on Fridays. They should bring in the completed tasks on a Thursday to share with the rest of the class. If you would like your children to complete additional learning at home, there is a leaflet on the Year 5 page of the school website that gives ideas for different activities.

It is particularly important that your children are fluent with their times tables. Please ensure that your children are practising these regularly, as it helps them enormously with their work in class. Times Tables Rockstars is a brilliant resource to help with this – children should have their own login, but if they have lost it, please do ask for another copy.

It is really useful that the pupils have been bringing in their own stationery. Just to clarify, they should have a black handwriting pen (not biro), a glue stick, a pencil and a dry-wipe pen. Please make sure that they have these with them every day.

### Spellings

Children will receive a new spelling list on their Home Learning sheet each Friday, to be tested the following week. There will be ten words on the list that will be testing a particular spelling rule. The children should learn these spellings, as well as other words that fit that rule. The children should use the Spelling Shed to access games to help them to learn the spellings.

### Reading

Reading with your child continues to be extremely important. Don't forget that it is particularly important to talk to your child about what they have read and discuss the texts, perhaps read some of the same books yourself and turn it into a 'mini book-club'. All children have been given a log in for our online reading record 'Boom Reader', on which you should record all reading completed at home.

### P.E

We have P.E twice a week. The day in which we have PE varies depending on the weather and other school events. It is therefore important that your child has their full P.E kit in school from Monday to Friday. We advise that during the colder months, children also bring tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt in order to stay warm during outdoor lessons. We would also like to remind you that children must have their hair tied back and should not wear any jewellery (including earrings) during these lessons.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time during the year if you have any queries.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Jessett    Mr Fuller