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Dear Parents/Carers,

A WARM WELCOME TO YEAR 5!

We hope you had a lovely summer break and are somewhat rested and refreshed (perhaps the children more so than the adults?!) We are very much looking forward to continuing our journey with your children this year.

A reminder that your child's Year 5 staff are:

Ms Woods - Class teacher Monday to Thursday

Mrs Terrill – Class teacher -Friday

Mrs Yunteva – Teaching Assistant

Mrs Virgoe – P.P.A. Teacher – Monday afternoons

Mrs Shah- Teaching Assistant - Maths and interventions

Topic – Beowulf The Brave and The Awesome Anglo-Saxons!

This half-term, Year 5 will be learning all about the life of the Anglo-Saxons, in particular village life, arts and crafts, important dates, events and key people. As a link to this we will be studying in depth the Michael Morpurgo version of Beowulf. Our English work will mainly stem from this book.

We will have started our topic off with an oral storytelling of the tale of Beowulf - to really set the scene, this will take place in the darkened space, set up to resemble a Mead Hall.

We will also have our visit **on Monday 11th September** to Butser Ancient Farm to further inspire and engage the children in our topic.

Key Information and polite reminders:

- **School mornings:** Year 5 come straight into class for **8.40am**. The exception to this will be **Fridays** when all staff have a business meeting. Children should then wait by the classroom door and they will be let in at 8.50am.

- **P.E. Kits**

Full school P.E. kit (this includes trainers, school footwear is not suitable) needs to be worn to school every **Wednesday** (outdoor Games) and **Thursday** (indoor P.E.). Please ensure that children have appropriate clothing for all weather types. Children with earrings need them taken out on the day of P.E. or to have taped them up.

- **Reading at Home**

Your child will continue to have a 'reading for pleasure' book. They will also have a book suited to their ability. For some children this may be just 1 book. As part of their homework, it is expected that they **read at home at least 3 times per week**.

Please provide your support by ensuring your child reads regularly at home. Our reading focus this half term is a focus on inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying these inferences with evidence from the text. This means: can they say how a character is feeling, thinking and why they are doing things and what clues are there in the text that make them think that?

- **Homework**



Spellings Your child will be given fortnightly spelling lists to practise using whatever method they wish at home and/or the 'Look, Say, Cover, write, check' method. Spellings will have a focus on the year 5 words and spelling patterns. Spelling homework and expectations will be differentiated to suit your child.

Mental Magicians We ask that your child continues to practise their Mental Magician objective - times tables - this is the one carried on from Year 4. Please use the following link for tips on how you can support your child with this: www.lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents-hub/curriculum/maths. Remember, they can use TT Rockstars to help them practise.

Other homework Your child will be set one other piece of homework every week. This will vary. It may be some research or something practical or to try to bring something in.

- **Letters**

Please remember that we are now a paperless school wherein letters are emailed, thus it is vital you check your emails on a regular basis. For those who have not provided an email address, we will provide paper copies. As ever, copies of any mislaid letters can be obtained from the office.

- **Handwriting**

Following on from Year 4, we will continue to focus on general presentation and handwriting in every lesson. With this in mind please be reminded that your child still has free access to our handwriting website: <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>. The username is **ak3814** and the password is **home**. This website can be used to practise individual letters or blends of letters that your child may find tricky to join.

Please encourage your child to use the same standard of presentation in their homework as they do in class and to use a blue or black pen.

Dates for the diary in Autumn 1:

- **Tuesday 5th September** – first day of Autumn term
- **Monday 11th September** – Years 5 & 6 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
- **Tuesday 19th September** – Rockstar Day
- **Friday 22nd September** – Jeans for Genes day (non-uniform for a donation)
- **Wednesday 4th October** – Harvest Festival – all welcome
- **Week commencing 16th October** - Anti-bullying/Personal Development Week
- **Wednesday 18th October** – Sports Day
- **Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October** – HALF TERM
- **Friday 15th December** – last day of Autumn term

We are looking forward to our first half term this academic year, with lots of exciting learning taking place. We will be focussing on encouraging independence even more now that the children are in upper key stage 2. Your support with this would be gratefully received. Please do come and see us if you have any questions or concerns or email cwoods18@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk or the office and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5 Team