



# Townsend Primary School

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Dear Year 5 Parents/Guardians,

In **English** this term, we will focus on developing our writing skills by studying various non-fiction and fiction texts. We will look at the Vikings using the poem 'Beowulf' as our main text. We will be reading a variety of texts and learn how to keep our writing grammatically accurate. We will develop a range of sentence types to make our writing more interesting for the reader with an emphasis on advanced punctuation and correct grammar. In Reading, we will be developing our literal understanding and inference skills. This will be portrayed by finding evidence in the text to support our opinions.

In **Maths** we will be focusing on the following key skills: counting, partitioning and calculating; securing number facts and shape knowledge; analysing data and investigating measures and most importantly, applying our knowledge of number facts to real life problems.

In **Science** we will be finding out that the Earth, Sun and Moon are spherical and support this with some evidence. We will also learn about and explain in terms of the rotation of the Earth as to why shadows change and the Sun appears to move across the sky during the day. Later we will be learning about 'Gases around us', and identifying the characteristics of various materials.

## **Homework**

Your child will be given homework on a **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child completes this homework and returns it to school by the following **Tuesday**. Your child will choose their own reading book. Please ensure that you read with your child, discuss their book and sign the reading journal every week.

**If you have any difficulties with Homework come and see us on Monday – we will be more than happy to help.**

## **PE**

**Tuesdays** (Indoor) and **Fridays** (Outdoor)

\* Children will need suitable clothing and footwear for these sessions \*

Please ensure that your children come to school with appropriate clothing, especially when the cold weather starts. Also, please make sure that all of your child's clothing has their name written in them. A laundry pen is available to use in the office.

## **PPA**

On Tuesday afternoons, the children will be taught by a different teacher. This is because all teachers have one afternoon a week out of class in order to plan effective lessons for the following week. They will also be taught by Ms. Privashni each Friday as Mrs Katono is not in school on this day. If you would like to discuss this any of the above information, please do come and see me.

Yours Faithfully,

**Ms Katono, Gill, Donovan and Tina.**