



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. Later on, we will focus on 'A Christmas Carol' in playscript form, and the 'Little Match Girl'. We will be reading these to learn how to keep our writing grammatically accurate. We will develop our writing skills 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. We will also build up our understanding of more advanced vocabulary. We will be 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 applying our knowledge of number facts to real life problems. We will be developing our problem solving and reasoning skills through all the maths topics we cover. We will continue to practise and master our times tables facts.

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 learn about the properties and changes in materials, investigating such changes as dissolving, evaporating and condensing.

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 - **Swimming will take place in the Summer term.**

- **Mondays** (Indoor)
- **Fridays** (Outdoor)

* Children will need suitable PE clothing, footwear and swimwear for these sessions.

Trips and visits we are hoping to organise will support our learning and we will inform you as soon as they are booked.

PPA

On **Friday afternoons**, the children will be taught by a different teacher and will have PE with Mr. Murray. This is because all teachers have one afternoon a week out of class in order to plan effective lessons for the following week.

We look forward to an exciting year of learning. Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss Woodford, Lily and Sam.