Half Way Through

We can’t believe that we are beginning our fourth half term, which means that your child is already half-way through their time in Year 5!

Last half term, the year group thoroughly enjoyed reading our focus book *Who Let the Gods Out*, so much so that we have listened to their wishes and decided to continue with this book this half term too. We will focus on writing narratives.

We were lucky enough to receive a tweet from the author of WLTGO herself which the children were excited about. To follow us on twitter please search for: @STLRNCJ64.

Parents’ Evening

Thank you to all parents and guardians who attended Parents’ Evenings in February to discuss your child’s progress in English and Maths.

We will continue to assess progress throughout these next terms. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything. Please feel free to contact us.

English and Maths

**English**

Work this half term will include:

- Who let the Gods Out?
- Focus on narrative—dialogue that moves action forward, expanded noun phrases, cohesion within writing, use of relative clauses

**Maths**

Work this half term will include:

- Fraction, decimal and percentage problems work
- Multiplication and division problems
- Measures

**Homework**

(Maths and English)

continues to be set on Fridays and needs to be signed and returned by the following **Wednesday**.

Spellings are sent home and tested weekly on a Friday.

**Other**

Children are expected to be prepared for every lesson, they can do this by ensuring they have the correct equipment with them, for example, their pencil case as well as glasses etc. Please remind your child that it is their responsibility to bring all of their equipment into school and lessons each day.
This half term we are starting our 'Vicious Vikings' topic which I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy. We are kick starting the topic with an exciting Inspiration Day on Wednesday 28th February, where the children will research the Vikings, begin to create their own Viking helmets and design and make their own Viking shields.

During the topic, we will look at some of the famous Viking invasions, how the Vikings lived and learn about Edward the Confessor and his death in 1066.

In **Science**, children will be learning all about living things and their habitats.

In **PE**, we will be looking at net and wall games such as volleyball and invasion games such as football. It is therefore really important that all children have their full PE kit in school.

In **RE**, we will be understanding Christianity in the form of salvation and also preparing for our Easter performance.

In **PSHE**, we will be reflecting upon why it is good to be us!

March will see the launch of our annual Lenten Project. Children will be set the challenge of raising money for a given charity.

**Reading**

and a reminder!

Children have weekly guided reading sessions with their class teacher as part of a group. Each child is given a reading book issued by this teacher, which is taken home and should be read each week.

They can also choose their own school library book to take home. We are aware that many children also choose to read their own books from home and these books may be commented upon within their reading records.

Some children may have additional individual reading sessions with support staff or our parent helpers.

It is important that children build comprehension and evaluation skills by writing good quality comments in their reading records, such as:

- Why they particularly like a character
- Which part of the book was their favourite and why
- Explaining who their favourite character is with reasoning from the text

With our many thanks,

The Year 5 Team

**Important dates:**

Vikings Inspiration Day: Wednesday 28th February
Growing Gains: Wednesday 7th March, Wednesday 21st March
Y5 trip to the Buddhist Vihara: Thursday 22nd March
Year 5 Lenten week: w/c 12th March
Assessment week: w/c 19th March
Year 5 Easter Collective Worship: Tuesday 27th March (9am start—all welcome!)