

## Y5 newsletter      November 2015

The children have all settled into Year 5 very well and are producing some excellent work.

Topics – we are continuing our work on the Vikings and looking at the stories of Hans Christian Anderson, the poem The Highway man and writing about dragons. In science, we will be looking at Earth and Space. We have got a really busy half term planned and hope that the children will enjoy it!

### Spelling and Reading Homework.

Thank you all for making a real effort with the spelling and reading. The work put in at home makes a real difference. Remember, reading can be anything, not necessarily their school reading book. Having a bedtime story read to them, reading magazines, reading to other children and reading home books all count.

### Multiplication Challenge.

We will continue with the Multiplication Challenge. Again, practising at home makes a big difference.

### Homework Book

We would like to start giving the children some extra activities for homework. These will mostly be maths and english activities, but sometimes activities related to their topic.

The activities will not take long, but they will show you what the children are working on at school and give them some extra practise. The children should be able to do the activities because they would have been doing them at school.

This means that they will have spelling, times tables, reading and one other short activity.

Homework books, with the extra activity stuck in them, will be handed out on a Monday and we would like them to be handed in no later than the Friday of that week.

Please note that any spelling or tables practice can be put into the book if you wish to do so.

### Swimming

Swimming starts on Friday. Please pick up children from Polkyth **FIRST** if you have another child at the school – it's much quicker than trying to get out of our car park at 3pm! Mrs Matthews will be in the library to look after any children whose parents may be picking up from Polkyth first. Please let us know if you need her help. If there are any problems with picking up from Polkyth please let us know. Some children walk straight home from Polkyth. Please inform us if your child will be doing that so that we know the arrangements **before Friday!**

**If you are later than 3:10 your child will be taken back into Mr B where they will wait for you to collect them.**

The children can wear a **school tracksuit with a plain white t – shirt or school uniform.**

Some children are not bringing their PE kits to school – please could you remind them to bring their indoor kit for gymnastics. They can also have jogging bottoms, hooded tops etc to keep them warm outside. PE kit needs to be in school every day, especially as the weather is unpredictable. If we miss a session due to the weather, we do try to make it up on another day in the week.

### Request

We also need fruit juice cartons that look like this:

Please could you rinse them out and bring them into class.

Thank you for your support.  
Miss Jarvis and Miss Nile