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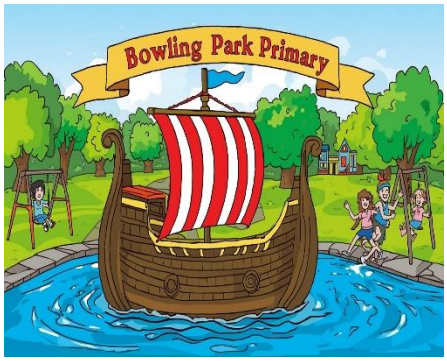
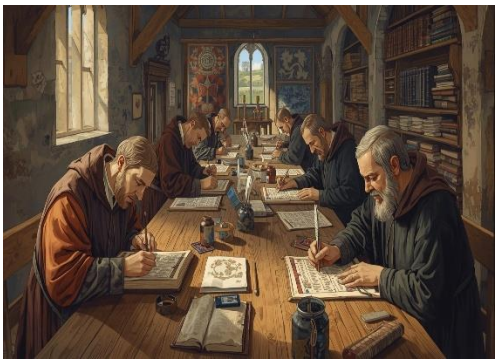
Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 5 Autumn 2 newsletter.

We hope you all had a restful break! We've got a busy few week planned with plenty of cross-curricular links to spark curiosity and deepen understanding.



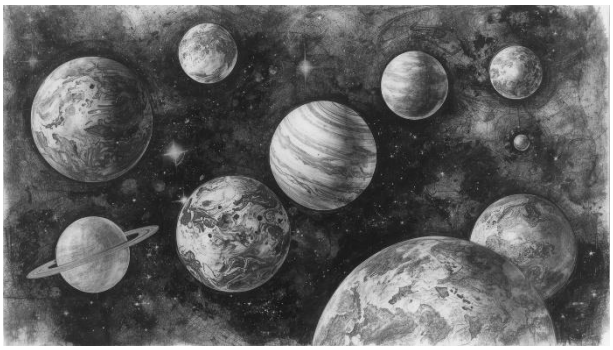
This half term, our history focus will be on the **Vikings**. We'll be exploring who they were, why they invaded and settled in Britain, and how their arrival links chronologically with our previous topic on the **Anglo-Saxons**. Through this, children will develop a strong sense of historical continuity and change.



Our English lessons will centre on writing a **diary from the perspective of a monk** living at the time of the first Viking invasions. This creative writing unit will not only strengthen narrative and descriptive skills, but also connect meaningfully to our **residential trip to Northumberland** later in the year, where we'll explore key historical sites. Children will gain insight into how it may have felt to experience the fear and uncertainty of the first Viking raids. We will then be writing a non-chronological report so that the children can demonstrate all their wonderful knowledge, using their literacy skills.

In maths, we'll be building on our understanding of **multiplication and division**. Children will be learning formal written methods, applying these to multi-step problems, and exploring the relationship between factors, multiples, and prime numbers. Reasoning and problem-solving will remain a key focus as we deepen fluency and accuracy. We will also start to look at fractions, a key topic in Year 5.

Our science topic this half term is **Earth and Space**. We'll be learning about the movement of the Earth and Moon, the solar system, and how our understanding of space has changed over time. There will be plenty of hands-on investigations and opportunities to ask those big questions about the universe!



In art, we'll be exploring the theme of **depth, emotion and movement**—using drawing and printing techniques.

Home learning expectations

Please take some time to look at the following table to see what your child should be doing at home to extend their learning:

Activity/Task	Frequency
Reading their book band book	X3 a week
TT Rockstar - Soundcheck	Daily – for 10 minutes
Spelling Shed	Daily - for 5 minutes

You should already have your Spelling Shed and TTRockstars logins, but please let us know if you are having any problems accessing this at home. Please also make sure you are trying your best to read at home: even if it's just two pages each night.

Family Homework Challenge

- Using materials from around the house (recyclables like cereal boxes, cardboard, kitchen roll tubes, foil, string, etc.), build your own **Viking longship**.



Thank you!

The Year Five team