

8 January 2009

Dear Parents

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

As always I have a very busy term planned. The theme this half term is People and Year 5 will be studying Vikings and thinking about the question – would I have liked to have been a Viking? This unit will cover History, Art, Design and Technology, Geography, PSHCE and some RE. As part of this study I have planned a trip to Murton Park Viking Village in York and I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support in funding this visit. I have visited the village before and know that we will have a very action packed day with the children spending a day as a Viking and having a Viking banquet for lunch. Other fun activities this half term will include: making Viking jewellery, designing and building a Viking settlement and re-enacting a Viking invasion. We are studying *Beowulf* in Literacy and Earth and Beyond in Science.

PE remains on a Monday and we will be doing Dance this half term. I will keep the children's PE kits in my cupboard until the end of the half term. Please can you ensure that all items of kit are fully labelled and make sure your child has a labelled pair of indoor shoes in school at all times. They will also need a pair of football boots and a pair of tracksuit bottoms in a labelled bag to keep in the cloakroom for playtimes on the field if they wish.

Now that Christmas play rehearsals, learning lines etc are over, I will be regularly setting homework which will be due in on a Monday as usual. We will be working really hard on our times tables this term and any additional practice time at home would be very beneficial. www.mathszone.co.uk is a popular site with the children and has a lot of fun games that only take a short time to play.

As always, If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss Kilvington