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## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome back after the summer holidays, I hope you have had a wonderful summer! I am very excited to be teaching my second year at North Park Primary and I cannot wait to get to know the children better and meet parents, guardians and family members. We have a great term ahead of us, with many exciting activities planned. I am a keen outdoorsman and believe that children benefit greatly from learning outside the classroom. For that reason, please ensure your child remembers to bring their coat each day and a water bottle.

**Literacy:** This term we will be practicing our reading skills and reading many books including Arthur & the Golden Rope and Shackleton, as well as short stories and poetry which will be used to help us deliver the national curriculum effectively. In Year 5, we will be addressing all curriculum areas with additional emphasis on the core skills of literacy. This term we will be focusing on composing accurate and effective sentences, choosing appropriate punctuation, and unpicking the key features of a range of genres such as newspapers and letters.

**Reading:** Children should read on a regular basis as it remains important throughout Key Stage 2 and your support will aid your child's development. It is beneficial to discuss the book with your child to deepen their understanding of the text. A discussion regarding key characters, features and plot, along with why the author chose particular vocabulary will aid their learning. Children are expected to read **at least 3 times** a week. Please sign and date your child's reading diary and write a comment if necessary. Reading diaries will be checked on a Friday. It is important, however, that your child brings their reading diary and reading book into school **every day** to allow us to check their weekly progress.

**Numeracy:** We will begin the term with place value, moving on to addition and subtraction, statistics, multiplication and division and end the term with measurement. To assist their learning at home, please encourage learning quick recall of times tables and allow your child to read the time at any opportunity. A great way for the children to practice their times table skills is through the use of online games such as: Times Table Rockstars and 'Hit the Button'.

**Science:** Year 5 will be learning about the properties and changes of materials. We will be exploring all kinds of objects and investigating their properties. They will be encouraged to devise and explore scientific enquiry, including careful observations and carrying out comparative and fair tests. We will be working and thinking scientifically whilst developing our use and pronunciation scientific vocabulary.

**History:** This term we will begin exploring the history of the Vikings and their struggle to take over England in 1066. Children will develop their chronological understanding and the concept of change over time. They will have the opportunity to handle and explore replica artefacts to deepen their interest of who the Vikings really were, and whether or not they were as vicious as they were believed to have been.

**Geography:** Children will have the opportunity to learn about physical and human geography. They will explore the processes and features that shape the world. Key focuses include understanding the different uses of land and varying physical features. They will use their map reading skills to identify and locate continents and their physical features.

**Art:** This term in art, children will have the opportunity to come up with their own ideas of what is missing in the world by completing an inventor's project sheet. They will explore the work of the famous artist, Paul Klee and have the chance to create a piece of art work in his style. Children will develop their artistic skills by creating sketches, self-portraits and create a visually pleasing packaging.

**Design & Technology:** Bridges! During design and technology lessons we will be researching bridges to upgrade our knowledge and understanding of how they are created and function. Children will have the opportunity to design and build their own model bridges and test to see if they are fit for purpose by judging how much weight they can hold.

**PE:** Children will have PE on a **Tuesday** (Yoga) and a **Friday** (Outdoor adventurous activities) in the first half term. They can come to school in their kit P.E. days. I would ask that the children have a **P.E kit at school every day** as we often have additional lessons throughout the year. It is important that your child has suitable kit for all weather conditions. Shorts and t-shirt for warmer days and a



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tracksuit for cooler, wet days. Wooley hats are encouraged for wintry days and gloves are acceptable depending on the activity. Children must wear suitable footwear, such as trainers. Any **heeled shoe should be avoided** as they are not safe for P.E.

**Homework:** On a Friday, children will receive their homework and it is expected to be handed in by the following Wednesday. It will usually consist of one literacy or numeracy piece. Please encourage your child to complete their homework and return it in on time.

**Trips / Visits:** We have organised for the children to visit the Jorvik Viking Centre in York in October. More information will follow with precise dates and times. Please see our Facebook page for regular updates on our learning and key dates.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Many thanks,

Mr. Atkinson

