



# Highwood Primary School

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## Y5 Autumn Year Group letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you have had a lovely summer and are ready for a fresh and exciting new year. In Year 5 this term, we have some interesting topics planned for the children to learn about, including:

- **Science:** learning about forces and carrying out practical activities to develop the children's knowledge of key vocabulary, including designing and making parachutes
- **History:** Vikings
- **Art/DT:** creating Viking artefacts and creating Viking pictures and prints using different media

In the Autumn Term, our **class readers** will be There's a boy in the girls' bathroom written by Louis Sachar and Beowulf adapted by Michael Morpurgo.

### Home Learning:

This will start from the week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Home Learning books go out on a Thursday and need to come in on the following Tuesday. Children will be expected to complete one activity from the home learning grid along with a spelling task each week.

### School Books:

Children need to make sure that all work in their books follows the 'neat work rules' which are displayed at the front of their book. They will be expected to continue using the cursive handwriting script when writing in their books.

### Reading:

Reading is essential to all of your child's learning. Please try to make reading a special time at home - a regular time where you share a story together and talk about what you have read. This will develop your child's reading comprehension and their love of books.

### Times tables:

Knowing all times tables to x12 is vital to all of the mathematics learning in Year 5. Therefore, please support your child by helping them practise their times tables regularly. You could use games online, singing and chanting them on the way to school or through playing maths boards games.



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## P.E. Kits:

Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school on: Tuesday and Wednesday. Full P.E. kits: House colour T-shirt, black shorts, trainers, tracksuit trousers for outdoor P.E. and a black jumper. Girls need to make sure that their hair is tied back and that they are not wearing any jewellery. Tape will be provided by the staff to cover up any stud earrings.

## Parental Support:

If you have any spare time available during the school day we would be very pleased to have your help in our classrooms, possibly reading with children or helping in practical lessons.

## Equipment:

We strongly suggest that all children bring a pencil case to school, to store their whiteboard pen and writing pen. This will mean that they are easily accessible for every lesson. These pencil cases must be of a sensible size that will fit in their tray. Children need to have a water bottle (labelled) in school every day which they can use at break and lunch times.

## Sharing Assemblies

Poplar 5 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Willow 5 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Trips

PGL: There will be a parent meeting regarding the PGL trip on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm.

## PPA:

The Year 5 teachers' planning time is on a Thursday afternoon and will be covered by Mr. Steve Johnson, teaching ICT and Game On, teaching P.E.

## Staffing:

Mr Willimott will be teaching Poplar 5. Mrs Keith will be teaching Willow 5 Monday to Thursday and Mrs Harte will be teaching on Fridays. Mme Watson and Miss DelaCruz will be supporting the teaching team

Many thanks,  
Mr Liam Willimott, Mrs Jenny Keith and Mrs Danni Harte



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