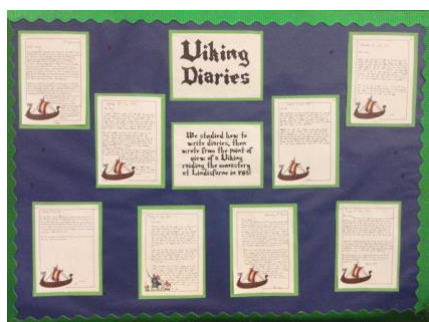


# Year 5/6 Newsletter Autumn 2 2020

Thanks so much to all parents and children for working so hard with us to make a great start to the year. We've all been delighted at how well everyone has settled back in to the new routines and changes that we've had to put in place to keep everyone safe. Don't forget that if you have any questions, you can email the department on [y5-6department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:y5-6department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk) and a member of staff will get back to you if required. We will use phone calls, email, texts, Twitter and the school website to keep you informed. Please make sure you read these and click on any links within text messages to ensure you don't miss anything.

## *What we've been up to this half term*

We started the term with some work based on the Oliver Jeffers book "Here We Are", to get us all back into the swing of school life. We produced some lovely writing for all sorts of different purposes based on the book. Year 5 have been finding out about space and the solar system, and reading the classic text War of the Worlds. Year 6 have been studying the Vikings, writing diary entries and information texts based on what they have learned. On our Hello Yellow day we did some lovely activities to promote positive mental health and THRIVE too. Check out the school's Twitter account for updates on what we get up to!



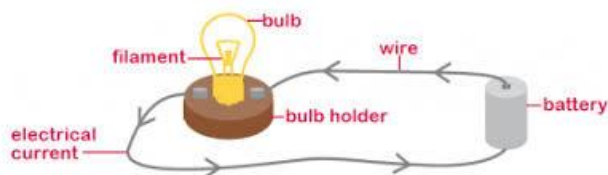
## *Homework*

We hope that you have been finding the homework helpful and supportive. For the next half term, we will be continuing to set weekly homework from the activity books in Y5/6,

alternating between Maths & SPAG. If your child needs any help with this, then please encourage them to ask their teacher who will be only too glad to provide support. You might have noticed that children are bringing different reading books home- we have re-organised the library and banding system so that children have access to a wider range of texts to bring home. Books are quarantined in school for 72hrs before being re-issued.

### *Topics*

Next half term, some of the topics Year 5 will be focussing on will be studying Britain the in the time of the Anglo-Saxons from 410 onwards in History, how humans develop over time and how to use maps to build their knowledge of the world. Year 6 will be studying topics including



understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography and using electricity to make circuits work in Science. In English, Year 6 will be writing detailed instructions on how to build a circuit, and stories following the structure of defeating a monster. Year 5 will be writing information tests about the Anglo-Saxons, and writing a journey tale.

### *Handwashing*

We will continuing with the regular hand washing regime throughout the Autumn term. One of the key ways to decrease the spread of coronavirus is good hand hygiene. With this in mind, children will be washing their hands and using hand sanitiser regularly. Please inform your child's class teacher if your child has an allergy to soap or hand gel. If your child needs to use hand cream to prevent sore hands from increased hand washing this can be kept in their tray and self-administered when needed.

### *PE Kits*

Indoor PE; earrings must be removed **not taped**, adults in school are not permitted to assist with this (unless pierced within the last 6 weeks in which case tape is allowed for this period only), pumps, shorts and short sleeved t-shirts must be worn. Outdoor PE – earrings as above, children must bring trainers. As the weather is getting colder it would be a good idea to make sure children have joggers and jumpers for outdoor PE. **PE kits should be in school every day as there are time when things change and we may do PE activities on an alternative day.**

### *Drinks & Snacks*

Please provide your child with a named bottle of water. **Please do not send disposable water bottles** as we are working hard to reduce waste and would like to encourage the children to use less single use plastic. **Fresh fruit is the only snack allowed at break times.**

**NUT ALLERGIES** We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces.

We hope you find the information useful.

Please contact the team on [y5-6department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:y5-6department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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