



Heckington St Andrew's
Church of England
Primary School

Welcome to Silver Birch class 2021-22

Welcome back to another school year, year 5! I just know it is going to be a brilliant one already!

Our first topic is all about the history of Britain and what happened between the Romans leaving and the Battle of Hastings in 1066. We will dive straight into this and I am super excited that our trip to Jorvik and Dig is at the start of time so we can experience real life artefacts and perhaps meet some Vikings!

On this page you will find guidance for your weekly homework. There are some weekly and daily expectations from you and they all form part of your bigger learning journey. It's especially useful to be thinking about organising yourself now so that in year 6 you are more independent in your learning and can focus on preparing for the move to secondary school. Anyway, that is a long time away and our year 5 adventure is just beginning, so let's do this!

PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please have **indoor plimsolls** to change into on a Tuesday for our gymnastics lesson. Thursday will be Hockey so outdoor trainers are essential. Remember to **wear your full and correct PE kit to school on PE days.**

Here's to a brilliant term and year ahead!

Mrs Ruffy and Mr Allen

Reading	<p>Read every day for at least 20 minutes. It is really important to have a varied reading diet that includes fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, poetry and much more. Reading will be the backbone of your learning for life and is also a wonderful way to relax and take a break from screen time and the busy routines we all have! We will help you to choose a range of different texts in school but would also love to know of any recommendations you have also!</p> <p>Sign your diary each day, and note the book and page you are on, and <u>your grown up needs to sign your diary weekly.</u></p> <p>We will hear you read daily in group work and we also make sure to have at least one 1:1 reading session per week with you. You will need to <u>bring your reading diary into school and take it home each day.</u></p>
TTR	<p>Times Table Rockstars is a really good way to build up speed and accuracy of your multiplication facts. This year I would like to recommend you try to play at least 5 sessions per week, or 5-10 minutes per day. After Christmas when we move onto fractions, decimals and percentages, your multiplication knowledge is applied frequently, so practice, practice, practice!</p>
Spelling Shed	<p>As well as weekly spellings in class, you will be able to practice a wider range of spellings from the curriculum on your spelling shed account. The weekly spellings we are practising in class will be tested through a 'hive' game on Spelling Shed each Friday. Just 5 minutes a day, or even 3x per week can have a huge impact on your spelling progress.</p>
Seesaw	<p>Every Thursday, your subject specific homework will be set on Seesaw. This will be something to review what we are doing in class. It may be further research, reading or practice of the skills learned during the week. Please complete this by Tuesday so I can check it all before the next piece of homework is set.</p>
Optional	<p>If you are keen to learn more about our topics, or to present some of your independent research inspired by your own interests or our class-based learning, please do share this on Seesaw. I love to see what you are enjoying learning about and achieving outside of school. Perhaps you have achieved a new skill in your favourite hobbies - whatever it is, I would love to see and will check in on Seesaw as often as I can.</p>