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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Ash Class! I hope you all had a great summer break. It's been a real pleasure getting to know Year 5 this week, and we're really looking forward to all the exciting learning ahead.

Topic

Our first topic this year is 'Vikings, Raiders and Traders'. The proposed content of our lessons can be found on the topic web.

Reading

Our classroom bookshelf has a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books. The children are allowed to take books home from school, and the children are welcome to bring in any reading books they are currently reading at home to enjoy and discuss in class. We will have a weekly session in the school library for the children to enjoy and borrow books too. We do expect pupils in KS2 to be reading regularly for around 20 minutes a day as part of their homework. The children will be provided with a reading record to document their reading at home and in school – this can be found at the back of the children's homework books.

Burwell House trip

Tuesday 24th → Wednesday 25th November 2026

We are all very excited about our trip to Burwell. It is a truly wonderful opportunity for pupils to experience a range of outdoor and adventurous activities that promote resilience and challenge, teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills. We have a packed activity schedule in the two days that we are there. We will be leaving after the register on Tuesday morning and returning to school by the end of the school day on Wednesday. We will be sending out a trip letter, along with the kit list and medical forms home in the coming weeks.

Homework

On Monday, the children will bring home a new homework book with their 'Homework Menu' for this half term. Instructions on how to complete homework and when to bring it in are included on the homework menu. As the homework books are being handed out on Monday, the children will have until the 24th September to complete it. After this, the homework books will be sent out on Friday to be handed in on the following Thursday.

There will be no weekly spellings set, however being secure in spelling the first 200 High Frequency Words (HFW), Y3/4 and 5/6 statutory spelling words is crucial for

the children before they move into Year 6 next year, so we do encourage you to work on these at home. These are readily available online. We will assess these and send home spelling mats of where your children are working.

PE & MOAT

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Your child will need to come in their PE kit on these days. Earrings should not be worn for PE; if your child is not able to take their earrings out it would be helpful if you could do so at home in the mornings and hair should be tied back. We will be taking a flexible approach to Moat time this half term and may go across at different times each week. It would be helpful if the children could have a spare pair of outdoor shoes/wellies that are kept on their peg.

Equipment

Children are welcome to bring in their own pencil cases if they wish, but please note that we do have all the necessary resources available in school. If your child does choose to bring in their own equipment, we kindly ask that they only bring essential items to help avoid things getting lost or causing unnecessary distractions. Keeping things simple will help us make the most of our learning time.

Adults in Ash Class

Mrs Smithies will cover the class on a Monday and Thursday afternoon.

Please feel free to catch me in the mornings, or at pick-up, or email through the office if you have any further questions. I am very much looking forward to a successful year with you all.

Kind regards,

Sophie Murray
Year 5 Teacher