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Welcome back to our second spring term. We are incredibly excited for all the new learning opportunities we have in front of us and we hope you are too.

Our learning this half term is based around 'Social Justice'. For this we will be reading a graphic novel about an unlikely hero called '**Arthur and the Golden Rope**' by author and illustrator **Joe Todd-Stanton**. It is not required for children to have their own copy, but I highly recommend picking up a copy for home. If you are interested in more by this author, he has a number of other books in the 'Professor Brownstone' series, which cover other cultures and civilisations.

- This half-term **English** will consist of writing whilst weaving dialogue and writing an newspaper report.
- In **Maths** we will be finishing our work on fractions, then moving onto decimals.
- In **History** we will be focusing on the Vikings. We will be exploring their culture in depth and gaining an understanding on the impact they had in coming to Britain.
- In **Science** we will be exploring properties of materials through a number of different experiments.
- In **Computing** we will be learning about flat-file databases.
- During **RE** we will be discussing the teachings of Jesus and how Christians apply them today.
- **Design and Technology** will see us exploring circuits and creating our very own steady hand game.
- For **PSHE**, we will be looking at how to look at careers and how to achieve them.
- In **Music** we will be continuing to learn our instrument – the Ukulele.
- Our sport in **Physical Education** this half term is Tag Rugby and Volleyball.

PE this half term will be on a Monday and Wednesday. We ask that in the interest of health and safety your children come to school wearing their PE uniform on Monday and Wednesday ONLY. As the weather is still unpredictable, please use long bottoms and jumpers/hoodies/fleeces as part of their kit. Earrings must be removed before PE preferably at home and hair should be tied back if long.

Homework will go out every **Friday** to be submitted by the following **Thursday**. It will consist of one piece of maths, one piece of English and one set of spellings each week. Reading is a key aspect in all parts of learning. Please help keep this up with their continued **three reads or more at home each week**.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me through the school office email.

Kind regards

Mr Redmond and Mrs Ellis
Class 5 Teachers