Newsletter – 22.04.2026

It has been a fantastic start to the term. Everyone has settled back in well and is ready to work. We would also like to warmly welcome Mr Foley to the Year 5 team.

English
This half term, we are writing a descriptive story inspired by the text *Alien Landing*. Our focus will be on creating atmosphere by exploring sound using onomatopoeia, showing the impact of description through characters' reactions, and using precise detail in our writing, including hyphens and ellipses. Next week, the children will complete their *Chance to Shine* piece before beginning our non-fiction unit.

Reading
In guided reading, we are studying *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. The story follows Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, a small and unconventional Viking, who must train a tiny, disobedient, toothless dragon in order to pass his initiation and avoid banishment from the Hairy Hooligan tribe. This week, the children enjoyed creating their own dragon Top Trumps cards.

Maths
After the Easter break, we completed our statistics unit and have now moved on to shape, with a focus on angles. This includes identifying, measuring, and drawing angles using a protractor. We will also continue our weekly arithmetic sessions on Thursday afternoons.

Homework

- Homework is set every **Friday** on *Century.tech*. If your child needs their login details, please let me know.
- Completed homework earns **2 dojo points**!
- Weekly spellings are uploaded to our class page, with a paper copy also sent home each Friday.
- Children should practise their times tables regularly using **TTRockstars**.

Reading at Home
Daily reading is essential for developing confidence, fluency, and deeper comprehension. Please ensure reading books and records are brought into school **every day**.
Every signed reading session earns **1 dojo point**!

PE
Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please make sure children come to school with the correct PE kit and that earrings are removed for safety.

Thank you,

Mrs Wenlock, Mr Foley & Mrs Wust