



Year 5 Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2021



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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year. We hope that you have all had a wonderful and exciting Christmas and New Year.

We hope that you were able to spend time with your families after what has been a worrying time for everybody. We have an exciting yet very busy term ahead and cannot wait to get started!

English: This term, in English, the children will be writing a sequel to the story of Beowulf. We will be writing character descriptions and learning how to add suspense to an action scene. We hope to expand their vocabulary and use grammar that we have previously learnt as well as learning to include relative clauses. Later in the term, we will continue to link our writing to our History by creating our own battle cries. The children will perform these and build a trailer that we hope to share with you using iMovie.

Maths: This term we will complete part 1 of our multiplication and division unit. We will then move on to fractions. This will make up a lot of our Maths learning over the next two terms. We will cover equivalence, comparing and ordering, mixed numbers and improper fractions. We will also be converting measure. This will include km and kg, ml and mm and converting units of time. To support your child, please spend time at home practising reading time on an analogue clock. Here is a link to a teaching clock that you may want to use. <https://www.visnos.com/demos/clock>

History: Our History unit this term is based around, 'Peace and Conflict'. The big question we will be faced with is, 'Does invasion lead to victory?' This topic will be covered this term only. We will focus on the Anglo-Saxons, Picts, Scots and Vikings. We will look at key places of interest such as Sutton Hoo. We will find out about the daily life of those who lived before us, how they came to be in England, iconic people of their time, how the Anglo-Saxons converted to Christianity and finally how England became England. The children are always invited to bring and share any home

learning they have completed with the rest of the class. We love to see how their learning inspires them to find out more!

Science: Our topic for this term is Forces. We will be learning what a force is, the names of different forces and how they impact on our daily lives. We will be carrying a range of investigations to look at forces in action such as who has the fastest car? and why doesn't everything float?

Jigsaw: During our Jigsaw lessons we will be looking at 'dreams and goals'. We will cover how to stay motivated when something is challenging and working well with others. We will learn how to set our own goals to achieve our dreams and explore different careers. We will look at how we can support others and how the dreams and goals of different cultures may differ to our own.

In the following subjects we will be studying:

Computing – E- safety and Scratch – making mazes
RE – Ig God is everywhere, why go a place of worship?

Music – How does music connect us with our past?

French – Family and Friends

PE – Daily Mile and hockey

PE KIT

We will be completing a daily mile alongside a regular PE session **every Monday**. On this day children can wear their PE kits to school. Children are to wear black shorts or jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt with a black or school sweatshirt.

Homework:

Homework in Year 5 will be set on a Friday using Google Classroom. Multiplication and spelling tests (every Friday) will be carried out each week. The new spellings will be available through Google Classroom and the children are encouraged to access Spelling Shed to practise them. Please encourage your child to practise Times Tables



Rockstars at least 4 times a week, as this will really help with their rapid recall and learning in fractions.

Reading: Most of your child's reading in school will be through whole class reading, so it is really important to listen to your child read at home as often as possible, **aiming for at least four times a week for 10 minutes.** Reading records will be checked every Monday and your child can change their book as soon as they have finished.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries contact us via email.

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Many thanks for your continued support.
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