



Year 5 Class Newsletter

Spring Term 4 2024

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We have an exciting term ahead and look forward to sharing your child's learning with you in our parent consultation meetings. They really have been working hard since the start of Year 5!

Year 5 were brilliant during their swimming lessons in the previous two terms and every child progressed hugely during their sessions. Not only were we proud of their developing skills and technique but their behaviour each week was incredible. A huge thank you also to Mrs Summerton, who accompanied us to every lesson.

English: This term the children will read and explore, 'The Highway Man'. This poem is packed with interesting language which we will unpick during our guided reading sessions. The grammar taught this term will include the use of parenthesis and semi colons. We will also revise compound sentences and the use of co-ordinating conjunction. We will then be asking the children to write a short story and, through this, demonstrate the taught grammar. We know that they will wow us with some brilliantly chosen vocabulary too. Later in the term, we will make links with our history and write about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings.

Maths: This term we will be covering a lot of different units in Maths. We will begin the term with making links between fractions, decimals and percentages. We will then move onto finding the area and perimeter of rectangles and compound shapes. Towards the end of term, we will focus on statistics – where the children will learn to draw, read and interpret a variety of graphs and tables.

History: This term we continue to look at Anglo-Saxon life and how this changed through different influences. We will focus on their conversion to Christianity and how Viking life differed. Towards the end of term, we will explore and begin to

understand how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came to live in unity for some time.

The children are always invited to bring and share any home learning they have completed with the rest of the class.

Science: Our topic for this term is Earth and Space. During the course of the term, we will be looking at our solar system and developing an understanding of the movement of the Earth relative to the sun, the movement of the moon relative to the Earth and night and day.

Jigsaw: During our Jigsaw lessons we will be looking at 'Healthy Me'. We will cover what it means to make healthy choices. In our lessons will we discuss smoking, alcohol, emergency aid, body image and healthy relationships with food.

In the following subjects we will be studying:

Computing – Augmented reality

RE – What did Jesus do to save human beings?

Music – Composition and notation

French – Vikings

PE – Core strength, stances, footwork and Gymnastics

PE KIT

The children will continue to have PE lessons **every Monday & Friday**. 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. Please ensure hair is tied back on these days and earrings (if they are able) are removed.

Homework:

Homework in Year 5 will be set on a Monday. Multiplication and spelling tests will be carried out every Friday. Children are encouraged to access Spelling Shed to practise their spellings. Please encourage your child to practise Times Tables Rock Stars at least 4 times a week, as this will really help with their rapid recall and learning in fractions.

Reading: Thank you for your support with your child's 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. You child should aim to read at least four times a week for 10 minutes each time. They should sign off on their reading shield after every read. Reading records will be **checked every Monday** and your child can change their book as soon as they have finished.

Key Dates

7th March World Book Day

8th – 13th March British Science Week

11th/14th March parent consultations

15th March Red Nose Day

27th March Easter Service at the Church

Finally, if you have any questions or queries, we are available at the end of every school day to speak with you.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Waller & Mrs Tye