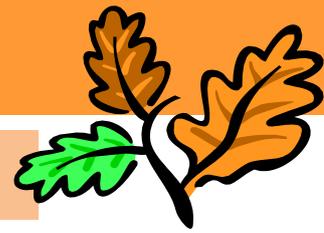




Class Newsletter

Year 5



Autumn 2016

Welcome to Year 5! This newsletter gives an outline of the subjects we will be learning in Year 5 for the Autumn term. It also lists any forthcoming events.

Context for learning

Our context for learning this term is *The Anglo Saxons and Vikings*. The children will compare this time period to others they have already learned about. In Geography, they will further develop their map reading skills in order to locate places and deduce reasons why people settled in specific areas. They will use a range of different evidence to build up a picture of life in this period and will sail across oceans on an imaginary Viking ship to foreign lands!



Literacy

We will be developing our reading and writing skills through a variety of genres. This term we will be looking at a range of writing styles, including descriptions, non-chronological reports and story writing. Throughout the term we will be using interesting texts to inspire high quality writing. At the moment, we are busy becoming dragon experts!

Numeracy

The children will sharpen their knowledge of the times tables this term. Please encourage your child to use online games to help with this. Their knowledge of decimal numbers and fractions will be extended whilst they further develop methods to solve word and number problems using the four operations (+, -, x, ÷).

PE

Both classes will have outdoor games on Tuesday afternoon and indoor PE on Wednesday afternoons. Your child will need plain navy blue sports shorts (above the knee and no buckles), a plain white t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. A plain blue navy blue tracksuit can be worn in colder weather. No items of denim or vests are allowed. We recommend PE kits are brought in on a Monday and kept in school for a week or two.

Art

The children will study portraits, developing their observational skills. They will extend their knowledge of drawing and colour mixing.

Important dates:

Friday 30th September - Y5 Assembly
Tuesday 4th October - Individual photos
Tuesday 11th October - Dad's breakfast
Tuesday 18th October - Open morning
Thursday 20th October - Parents' evening
Monday 24th - Friday 28th October - HALF TERM
Monday 14th November - INSET
Friday 18th November - Y5 Assembly
Thursday 1st December
- Royal Observatory & Planetarium trip

Home learning

The children are expected to read most nights - they must note up to five of these sessions in their Reading Journal per week, as well as completing one Reading Journal activity each week. Activities will also be set on Mathletics weekly. Once these have been completed, children can play the various games on the site to earn points towards a certificate.