

English

This term we will be looking at a range of different writing genres primarily focusing on narratives, journalistic writing and character descriptions. We will link our writing to our Learning Challenges throughout.

We will have focused sessions on grammar, punctuation and spelling each week. The children will also have regular Guided Reading sessions to develop their reading and comprehension skills. We have some exciting texts to look forward to and we hope the children enjoy taking their imagination on some fabulous journeys through these.



Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach reading, phonics and writing, with some cool links and games too!

PE

We will be focusing on attacking and defending games during PE in the first half of the Autumn term. We will develop and build up the necessary skills and focus on team work.



PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday each week. Please ensure PE kits are in school for the above sessions, trainers and warm clothing are needed for outdoor PE. We will be getting outside as much as possible before the colder weather starts! Please ensure all kit and uniform is named.

Reading Books

Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school on a daily basis, thank you. It is important that your child reads as much as possible. The children will continue to be responsible for changing and recording their own reading books.



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2020



Welcome back!

Well, what a year it has been! We hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday. We are so excited to be teaching this wonderful class of children again! The following information will help you in supporting your child's learning at home.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to call in and see us at the end of the school day.

Year 5 Team: Miss Smith and Mrs Brewster

Computing

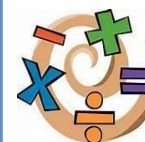
The children will use computing to support and enhance their learning throughout the curriculum. This will involve developing skills such as: finding things out, developing ideas, sharing information and evaluating.

We will use the programme Purple Mash to develop skills in Multimedia and Animation whilst also learning how to stay safe when on the internet.

Maths

We teach maths using the mastery maths approach; a very visual and practical method for children. We follow White Rose Hubs, which this year, incorporates lots of revisiting from your child's previous year to ensure that there are no gaps in learning from the time that children have spent away from school. We will focus heavily on number and place value and addition and subtraction skills. We will also look at measurement and multiplication and division during the Autumn term. In all of these units, children will continue to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills.

The children will continue to embed their times tables knowledge as it is vital they know these to support their progress in other areas of mathematics. Please support your child at home with these as it makes such a difference.



Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach maths and much more!

Religious Education

Following the cycle of learning about religions from across the world, this year the children will learn about both Christianity and Judaism in their RE lessons, which will be taught by Mrs Walker.

Learning about the different cultures and beliefs from around the world has never been so important, and the children have learnt a huge amount about the different cultures we have studied so far. If you have any artefacts or information, as ever we would love to hear from you.



Safety and PSHCE/HeartSmart

This year the theme for Anti-Bullying week is 'United Against Bullying'. Anti-Bullying Week runs from the 16th – 20th November. The aims are: Together we can make a difference. During this week the children will learn that by making small simple changes, we can create a safe environment for everyone. Children will learn that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying and together we can challenge bullying.

In E-Safety we will be teaching children what we use computers for and the difference between computers and iPads. We will also use age appropriate videos that teach safety online.

HeartSmart is an approach to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. It is a creative way to enable children to adopt a growth mindset whilst maintaining a healthy emotional epicentre. We continue to make our heart smart this term with the topic, 'Get HeartSmart'. This theme will help children grow in self-worth with a series of fun, interactive and practical lessons.

We will also continue to explore and promote British Values and life in Modern Britain.

Learning Challenge

Our whole school theme for the Autumn Term will be 'The Great Outdoors'.

Our first Learning Challenge for the Autumn term is history based: "*Were the Vikings always victorious and vicious?*" We will start by completing a KWL Grid, which for each child shows (what I know/what I want to learn/what I have learnt). We will return to the KWL Grid at the end of the topic and complete the third column (what I have learnt) to show clearly what the children have learnt during the topic.

During this Learning Challenge the children will be immersed in all things Viking! We will learn about who the Vikings were, where they were from and why they came to Britain. We will also be exploring Norse mythology, Jorvik, Viking longboats, weaponry and lots more! Throughout the topic, the children will be developing their skills in investigation, communication and analysing evidence.

In the second half of the Autumn term, the topic will have a geography focus and children will learn about different settlements. The topic will be based on questions raised by the children and therefore personalised to their interests. If you have anything related to our topics that you would like to share, we would love to see it! We will take great care of anything brought in.



Art/DT



Our Art and D&T sessions will link with our Learning Challenges this term. We will be developing our art skills in observational drawing by using our history topic 'The Vikings' as a stimulus. In DT, we will be focusing on textiles during the Autumn term. The children will be making landscapes by weaving threads just like the Vikings back in the early days.

Homework

Weekly spellings will be given out on a Monday and the spelling test will be the following Monday. Homework will range from reading circles and maths homework set on Mathematics. This will be set on Tuesdays and the children will have one week to complete it. Children will regularly bring home reading books. We kindly ask that you listen to your child read as often as you can and record this in their homework book. Little and often makes a big difference to your child's learning.

Story Time

We always read a class story, and other short stories, throughout the year. As a school we are continuing to make a concerted effort to bring story time back!

Please ask your child what we are reading!

