

Year 5 Curriculum Information

Term 3

Happy New Year!
We hope you all had a lovely break.

Below are our class email addresses, should you need to contact us. Alternatively, a message can be passed on at the Year 5 door on arrival to school in the mornings.

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Term 3 Topic



This term, we are finding out all about the Anglo-Saxons.

We will be getting the children's enthusiasm going with our **Anglo-Saxon day** on **Friday 12th January**. We need some supplies of wool for this day. If you can spare us any, please send some in during the first two weeks of term.

During our topic, we will be finding out about why the Anglo-Saxons invaded and where they came from. Children will learn about the importance of the Sutton Hoo dig and the artefacts which are in the British Museum.

We will be finishing the topic by inviting parents and carers to our **Anglo-Saxon museum** at **2:45 on Wednesday 7th February** in our year group. Please come in through the Y5 door, where you will be asked to sign in. We look forward to welcoming you in to see your children's work.

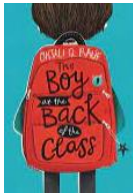


For further details about what we will be studying for this topic, please see the Learning Organiser sent out with this newsletter.

Curriculum for Term 3

Reading

Our reading this term will be 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. Grendel, the foul fiend, stalks the night and only Beowulf has the courage and strength to defeat him. We will be using this Anglo-Saxon legend as a stimulus for some of our writing this term.



We will also be reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf, which gives a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship.

English

Much of our written work will be based around our reading of Beowulf, where children will be writing descriptions and a narrative. They will then be finding out about the discovery of the Sutton Hoo site and writing about what archaeologists have found out from the artefacts. Finally, children will be writing a piece about Anglo-Saxon life in the style of Horrible Histories.

Throughout our work, children will continue to learn spelling, grammar and punctuation skills required by the Year 5 curriculum.

Maths

In Maths, we will be completing our work on fractions, before moving on to further our knowledge of multiplication and division. This unit will look at mental and written calculations.

It is essential that children continue learning times tables.

Instant recall of these will help them to calculate efficiently within our multiplication and division work this term. We will be continuing our TTRS tournaments and



would very much encourage all children to take part. The first will take place from Monday 8th – Friday 12th January and the second will be Monday 29th January – Friday 2nd February.

Science

In Science this term, we will be studying the properties and changes of materials. We will be finding out about reversible changes and the separation of solids, liquids and gases. Please see this term's Learning Organiser for full details.



DT



We will be making an Anglo-Saxon amulet from clay and then children will be utilising their sewing skills by designing and making a pouch to keep it in.

RE

As part of our learning about religion and world views, the children will be learning about Hindu beliefs and what impact they have on the Hindu way of life.

Computing

Children will be using vectors to draw.

Online Safety

Children will be looking at how to report anything that worries them. They will discuss how technology can affect health and well-being both positively and negatively and will learn strategies to promote good health.



PSHE

As part of Economic Wellbeing, we will be learning different ways to keep track of money to keep it safe.

PE

Children will be learning skills to successfully play invasion games such as netball and hockey. They will continue their lessons in dance.

SPANISH

Children will be learning the days of the week.

Growth Mindset

Our learning power this term is 'Challenge'.



- I know that if my work is really easy, I'm not learning anything new.
- I have a positive attitude to learning new things.
- I can work outside my comfort zone and take risks.

PPA and Forest School

This term, 5WA and 5LP will share the sessions at Forest School.

5WA will visit on 4th, 11th and 18th January.

5LP will visit on 25th January and 1st and 8th February.



Please ensure that children are wearing suitable clothing on these dates and bring their wellies in a separate named bag.

On the dates these classes do not have forest school, they will continue with music and dance lessons. 5MF will have music and dance during PPA throughout the term.

Homework

All homework is set on Google Classroom.

- The children will be given weekly spellings which will need to be practised at home. Some of these are from the National Curriculum list of statutory words. Others practise spelling patterns we are learning at Year 5. Children will be given new spellings on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday.
- Children are expected to read every night for approximately 20-30 minutes.
- Times tables need to be practiced. This can be done in many ways including using Times Table Rock Stars or Guardians: Defenders of Mathematica.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd2f7nb/articles/zn2y7nb>

- The children will be tested fortnightly on their times tables, alternating with 99 club.

Each term, we set a topic task so that children can utilise their creative skills. This term, we would like children to make an Anglo-Saxon house. We would like to make a display of these along the corridor leading into Year 5. Please bring in your model by the end of Term 3.



Reminders



Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

Please ensure that cardigans and jumpers are named.

Children MUST bring a coat into school every day whilst the cold weather continues into the New Year. Please make sure children also have gloves.