



Year 5/6 Newsletter

Spring Term 1



The Year 5/6 Teaching Team

Class 8



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English

Throughout this term, Year 5 and 6 will be using the historical period of the Anglo-Saxons to inspire our writing. We will start by looking at the well-known myth of Beowulf and write a diary entry from the point of view of a child living in the kingdom of Denmark. They will study how their use of standard and non-standard English can help to develop their writing further.

Maths

Fractions, decimals and percentages will be our focus this half-term with pupils developing their understanding of the relationship between them. Pupils will need to know the equivalence between the three forms and how you can easily convert from one to the other. They will also then be using this knowledge to calculate fractions, decimals and percentages and apply this understanding to reasoning problems.

Forest School

In Forest School this term, pupils will begin to develop their understanding of how to build more complex tools to perform a task. For example, when shelter building, whether they are able to build and use their own mallet in order to ensure their poles are secured properly. They will develop this tool use for cooking on stoves and performing other more complex tasks. Don't forget to dress appropriately for Forest School!

Humanities: Anglo Saxons

Over the course of the Spring Term, Years 5 and 6 will be studying the Anglo-Saxon period and the build up to the Battle of Hastings and the impact that this has had on modern day Britain. They will continue to investigate a historical enquiry question over the course of the term. This will include their own concept map, in which they will explain and create links across the topic.

Science/French/Computing

It's all about forces! This half-term we will be investigating the different forces through a variety of investigations. One investigation that is always popular is creating our own parachutes to investigate air resistance!

In French, children will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills and will begin to be able to talk about their day, referring to general and specific times of the day.

In computing, we will be using ProBots to design, build and de-bug our own algorithms. By making their own mini electric cars, including having automatic headlights!

Homework

All pupils should be reading three times a week at home with an adult.

Please continue to encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed regularly at home.

There is also an optional homework which can be viewed on the website.

PE

We love PE in Year 5/6 and we have lots of exciting, energetic and fun activities planned for the term ahead! We look forward to welcoming a rugby coach across this half-term.

Pupils should attend school wearing their PE kits on the designated days—these are a Week 1 (Thursday) and a Week 2 (Tuesday and Friday). Please visit the school website to see the PE uniform requirements.

Dates for your Diary

21st Jan—Year 5—Fire Safety workshop

27th Jan—Year 5—Camping @ Cookridge Parent Workshop

14th Feb—School Closes for half-term

28th February—Y5 Residential deposit to be paid

6th March—World Book Day