



# Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Spring Term 2



### The Year 5/6 Teaching Team

#### Class 8



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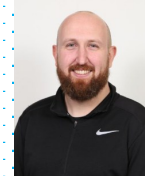
Mrs Tillotson

#### Class 9



Miss Chambers

#### Class 10



Mr Kershaw



Mr Adamson

### English

Throughout this term, Year 5 and 6 will be using the historical period of the Anglo-Saxons to inspire our writing. This half-term we look closely at the Battle of Hastings and will begin by writing a newspaper report about the battle. We will be recreating the battle as a whole phase. Following on from this, we will be composing a descriptive narrative about Anglo-Saxon village life.

### Maths

Year 5 will be continuing to explore fractions, decimals and percentages. This is an excellent opportunity for children to apply their understanding of bar models. In Year 6, we will be exploring shape and space as well as looking at statistics and time. We will be challenged with applying our understanding of these areas to real-life problems, such as resurfacing the school playground with astro turf!

### Forest School

In Forest School this half term, pupils will continue to develop their tool skills and will be implementing new techniques—including weaving—to create their own Anglo-Saxon weapon belts. In addition to this, children will create a meal inspired by an Anglo-Saxon recipe. Please ensure that your children are appropriately dressed for the conditions.

### History/Geography

In history, pupils will continue to investigate Anglo-Saxon life. This will include looking at some of the kings, such as Alfred the Great and Edward the Elder, that reigned. Furthermore, children will continue to develop their understanding of Anglo-Saxon society.

Within geography, students will consider how places change over time and how this impacts both human and physical aspects of geography.

### Science/French/Computing/RE

In science, we will be investigating our solar system, focussing on the movement of the celestial bodies around our sun. We will also be exploring light, in particular how it travels.

In French, children will learn how to converse in a shopping scenario using their knowledge of masculine and feminine to accurately use 'some' and 'of' accordingly.

In computing, pupils will be continuing to develop their understanding of coding and will be applying this to Scratch to create their own arcade game!

In RE, pupils will be investigating the concept of forgiveness and what it means to a variety of religions with a focus on Jesus' show of forgiveness at Easter.

### 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 look forward to welcoming a rugby coach again across this half-term. As part of our dance unit, children will perform dances using a range of movement patterns.

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

6th March—World Book Day

Week Commencing 10th March—Book fair

11th March & 18th March—Parent Consultations

19th March—Year 5 ONLY—Bradford Science and Media museum trip

26th March—Year 6 ONLY—Bradford Science and Media museum trip

2nd April—Year 6 ONLY—SATs Parent Workshop