

Year 5 Spring 1 Term Curriculum

Happy New Year everybody and welcome back! We hope you all found the time to relax over the festive period and enjoyed a mince pie or two! After a term, the Year 5 team are still so impressed with all the children's attitude towards their learning and the general behaviour around the school. Well done Year 5, what a fantastic first term! Both the children and the teachers really enjoyed our autumn topic 'Shackleton's Journey', in which the children blew us all away with their production about Shackleton and his crew's expedition across Antarctica. Another fantastic outcome from the children! The Year 5 team are really looking forward to all the exciting learning we have in store for 2018 and can't wait to get started!

Spring 1 Curriculum –Anglo Saxons Vs Vikings

This half term and some of next, our topic is taking us back in time to the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings! We will be exploring the history behind where the Anglo Saxons and Vikings originated from and where they both settled and the reasons behind this. The children will also learn about the different strategies used in battles, looking closely at the weapons and the armour both civilisations used to protect themselves from enemy forces. The children will also have the opportunity to cook some classic Viking cuisine!

On Tuesday 23rd January, the children will be having a visit from a theatre company who will perform a 'Play in a Day' to enhance their learning of this topic.

At the end of the topic, the classes will be split into teams and, using the battle tactics they have learnt, battle it out in an epic game of 'Capture the flag'! The children will all have the opportunity to create their own armour and devise a strategic battle plan with their team to try and claim victory! This will happen during our Anglo Saxon and Viking outcome, on Friday 23rd February in which both the teachers and children will travel back in time and dress up! A letter will be sent out in the next few weeks with costume ideas. Let the battle commence!

Homework – Each week the children will be set times table homework which will swap between online maths homework using Times Tables Rock Stars and a sheet of times tables. They are set on a Wednesday and are due back on a Monday. If you do not have access to a tablet or computer, the ICT suite is available on Wednesday and Friday lunchtime for children to complete their Rock Stars homework. As we are having a focus on times tables, we will be adapting 'Big Maths Beat That' to refocus the children on manipulating the known facts.

Spellings – The new curriculum words have also been sent home and the children should be practising these each week ready for the test at the end of the half term.

Reading - We would like you to encourage the children to read every night and practise their times tables. The children should be bringing in their reading log every day. If they read at least 4 times in one week, they are entered into the reading raffle! We will also send out a weekly spelling homework that recaps on different spelling rules the children learn on a Monday.

PE Reminder

Indoor PE: Wednesday

Outdoor Games: Tuesday (all classes, except those who are swimming)

PE Kit- Please ensure that all children have a white coloured T-Shirt and black shorts; alternatively they may wear a plain coloured T-Shirt representing their house colour. It is crucial that children have a lightweight rain jacket and warm clothing as Tuesday's lessons are outdoors. Long hair must always be tied up and all jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed then they must be taped.

Key dates in year 5

Spring 1

16/1, 30/1, 6/2- Sea Otters Swimming

23/1/18- Play in a day

Week beginning 5/2/18 – spelling test on curriculum words

6/2 -share my learning 3.20pm

8/2 – share my learning 8.45am – 9.15am

23/2/18- Outcome- Viking and Anglo Saxon Dress up Day

Parent Helpers Plea! Do you have any spare time during school hours to help with reading or times table practise? The year 5 team would be extremely grateful to any family members willing to give up their free time to help the children. Please speak to the school office if you can help.

Thank you once again for all of your support.
The Year 5 Team

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