

# Year 5 Spring 2 Term Curriculum

After three half terms down, the Year 5 teachers are still thoroughly impressed with the children's attitudes and enthusiasm towards their learning. The children and teachers particularly enjoyed our Viking and Anglo Saxon battle 'Play in a Day' where the children produced a fantastic play documenting the history behind the Anglo Saxon and Viking struggle to take control of Britain! We are looking forward to another great half term full of great learning!

As Spring 1 was a short half term, we will be continuing our Anglo Saxon and Viking topic into Spring 2. On **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** 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! For this, both the teachers and children will travel back in time and dress up as Viking and Anglo Saxon warriors! We can't wait to see the fantastic costume!

## **Spring 2 Curriculum –The Savage**

This half term we will be basing our topic around a graphic novel called 'The Savage' by David Almond. During this topic we will be looking closely at the relationship between the main characters and get the children to explore the feelings and emotions that run through the book.

We will be working hard this half term on our narrative writing, getting the children to focus on ambitious vocabulary to describe settings and characters. Towards the end of the topic, the children will be creating their own 'Lost Chapter' from the book using all their fantastic writing skills they have learnt this year. As well as a narrative piece, the children will be getting the paintbrushes and pastels this half term to create different art pieces that work alongside the story. We are looking forward to seeing their creative masterpieces!

Throughout the topic, the children will be placing most of their written work and artwork into their own 'Savage Scrapbook', which will be showcased at a parent drop in during the afternoon on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. More details about this will be sent out nearer the time.

The teachers are all really excited to start reading and learning all about The Savage with the children!

## **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. Each week the children will try to achieve 55 or more on a specific times table and then move on to the next when this is achieved.

**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. These words are listed below.

Interfere curiosity conscience according  
definite shoulder mischievous nuisance  
embarrass awkward conscious

As well as the curriculum words, we will also be sending out a paper copy homework linked to the weeks spelling rule. The children can also practise any target spellings (pink card spellings) they have at home too.

**Reading**- We would like you to encourage the children to read every night and practise times tables. The children should be bringing in their reading log every day. They should be writing a reading reflection in their planners each time they read which needs to be signed off by an adult. If they read at least 4 times in one week, they get put into the reading raffle and they also get to move their name up on the Year 5 reading challenge reward chart!

## **Key dates in year 5**

### **Spring 2**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**- Spring 2 begins

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**- Malamutes begin swimming for 6 weeks

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**- Anglo Saxon and Viking outcome

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**- World Book Day

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**- Parent drop in for Savage scrapbook outcome

## **PE Reminder**

**Indoor PE:** Tuesday (all classes, expect Malamutes who are swimming)

During this half term, the children will be using the wall bars to work on their individual and partner balances. By using balances and transitions, at the end of the half term, the children will have a routine to Chasing Cars by Snow Patrol.

**Outdoor Games:** Wednesday– led by Team Spirit (all classes)

**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 Thursday'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.

## **Year 5 Clubs**

In Year 5 we have a few clubs up and running to which some children have already been invited. Although, any children who are interested in any of the clubs, are all welcome to join.

### **Wednesday 12:30-12:50- Reading Club with Miss Blake**

During this club, the children get the opportunity to come and read to a peer whilst offering support and encouragement to one another. In the club Miss Blake will also sign their reading diary. Anyone who would like to do some reading is welcome to come along with a reading book and a diary.

### **Friday 12:20-12:40- Lost Work Club with Miss Fearn and Miss Blake**

Our expectations of the work the children produce is always rising, meaning we want to allow the children to produce work to the best of their ability. To ensure this happens, any child who hasn't completed an important piece of work will be given the opportunity to do so in Lost Work Club.

### **Thursday 12:20-12:50 –Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars with Miss Fearn**

This club takes place in the ICT suite and gives those children who are either unable to complete it at home or have just not been completing it, the time and facilities to do so. It also gives the opportunity to work with peers in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere and the children can get support from an adult if needed.

Thank you once again for all of your support.

The Year 5 Team

Miss Fearn

Miss Vincent

Miss Blake

Mrs Mendez