



Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas break! The Year 5 team are excited to welcome your children back for another superb term! The Year 5 team continues to be Mr Burns, Miss Jones, Mrs Smith and Mrs Southen. Please feel free to speak to any member of the team if you have any questions related to your child(ren's) time in Year 5.

This term, our topic is based on The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will kick-start this exciting topic with our Geography unit where we plan to complete a local study alongside our learning to help us convince a Viking to settle in Anstey! We will also have a History focus within this unit where we will learn all about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings to then create a

balanced discussion to decide who had the greatest impact on Britain. We are so excited for the children to learn all about this fantastic topic! They showed wonderful enthusiasm for our previous topic and we hope they enjoy this term's topic just as much!

The weather continues to be changeable at this time of year so please continue to ensure your child(ren) come to school with jumpers and coats to keep them warm. Please label all items of clothing with your child's name, so if it is misplaced it will hopefully make its way back to them.

Can we also politely remind all children to bring a water bottle and a healthy breaktime snack, especially on PE days.

Below is some general information to support you and your child this term.

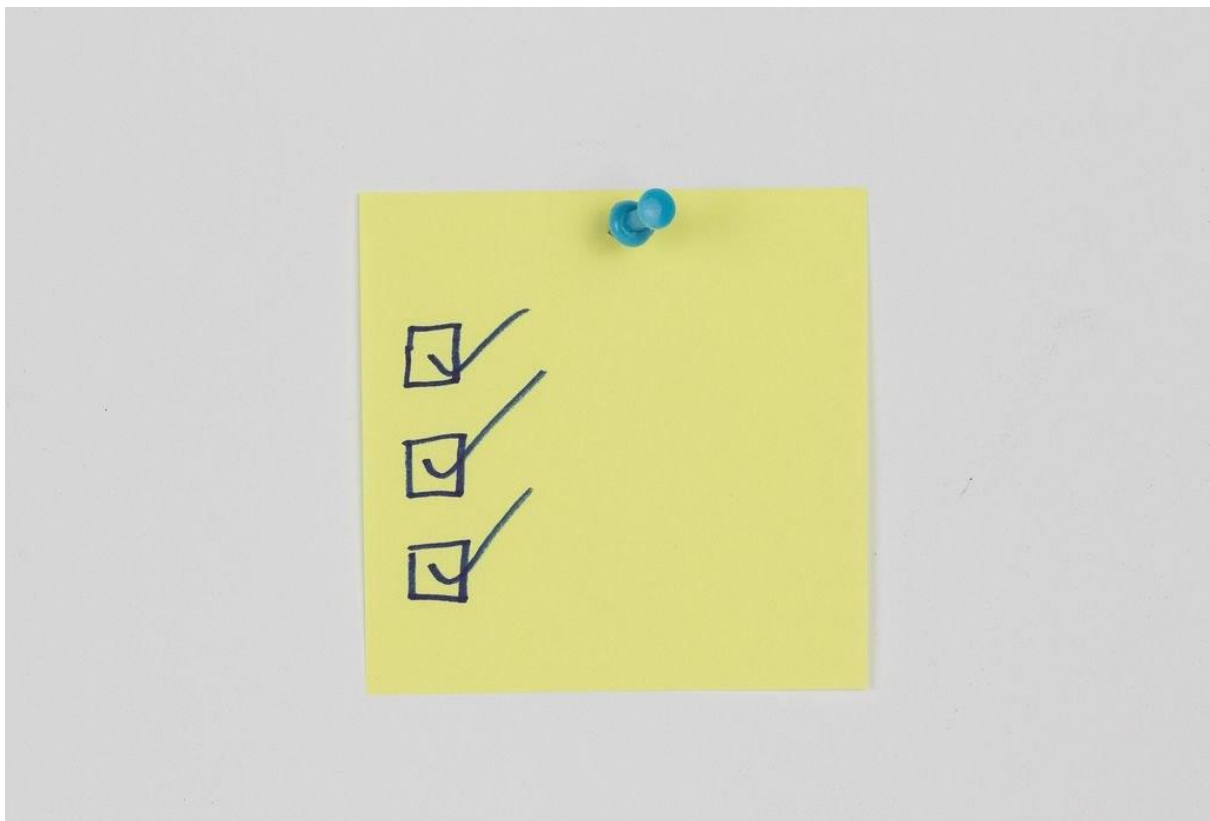
Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Jones and Mr Burns.





General Information



Here is some general information about Year 5.

- Mr Burns will teach the class on a Monday, Tuesday, part of Wednesday and on a Friday. Miss Jones will teach the class part of Wednesday and on a Thursday. Mrs Smith will be in the classroom every day as well as Mrs Southam every morning.

- Homework will be given **every Friday** and should be returned to school by the **following Thursday**.
- Please record any reading your child does at home in their diaries. We aim to change books weekly but if books need changing before then, please speak to a member of staff.
- It is important to hear your child read on a regularly basis, to develop fluency and comprehensions skills. Reading a book several times really helps with the fluency. If there are particular words they get stuck on, write them down and use them to play snap or memory games etc.
- Children will need to bring a **named water bottle** into school. No juice or fizzy drinks please.
- Your child will need **two** PE kits, these will need to include, **Outdoor**: Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing, as he/she will go out in all weathers. Please ensure that all items of uniform and PE kit are **named**. Their kits should be in school all week if possible.
- **Please note:** Children with long hair must have their hair tied back , at all times during the school day and all earrings must be removed before the children come to school, on a PE day. Thank you.

English

verb
adverb
noun
pronoun
adjective
vowel
consonant

We will be continuing to follow 'The Write Stuff' for our English this term. This will include a range of narrative pieces, non-fiction pieces and poetry. We will begin the term writing our own mythological narrative based on Arthur and the Golden Rope! The children will have the opportunity to write for a range of purposes and continue to use blended learning to enhance this.

We will also be using Century to build our knowledge of punctuation and grammar. This will be done frequently and will focus on areas we have noted the children are finding difficult. The children will be encouraged to apply their new learning to their fantastic writing!

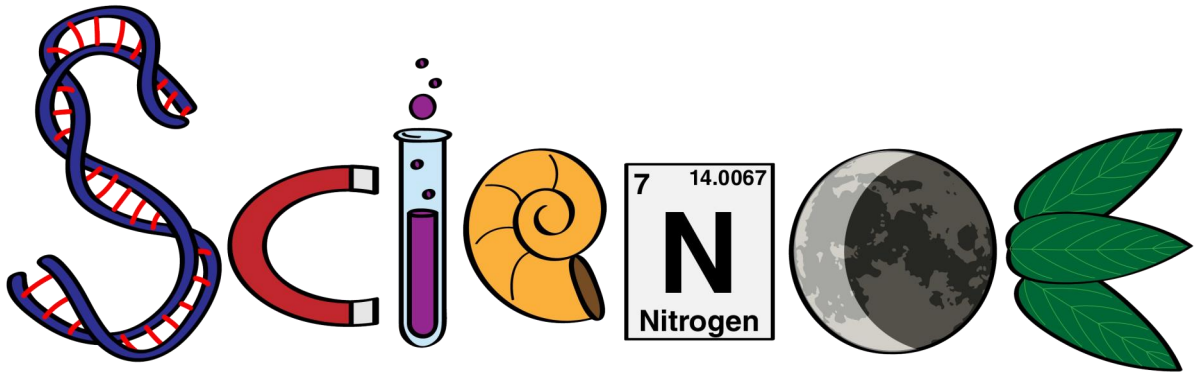
Maths



Our Year 5 mathematicians will continue to learn through a range of concrete and pictorial resources before progressing to abstract applications of Maths. We will first focus on Multiplication and Division and then develop our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages and statistics. We will also focus on applying our knowledge to help solve word-based problems as well as multi-step problems.

The children are encouraged to use their Century pathways to help with an areas they feel they would like more practice in. We also encourage the children to use TTRS to maintain their fantastic knowledge of the times tables!

Science



In our Science lessons, we will be learning about Forces with a focus on water resistance. After exploring pulleys, gears and levers, we will then investigate the effect of water resistance. Using this knowledge, Year 5 will be challenged to modify a basic ship design to create the fastest ship!

Music



Within our Music lessons, the children will be exploring musical structures through technology! We will explore key musical structures and then focus on understanding and creating ABAB bars through technology. The children will then create their own raps with an A and B section to perform.

PSHE

We will complete two units of PSHE this term: Diversity and Communities and Drug Education. Our first unit will help Year 5 build a greater understanding of their own identities

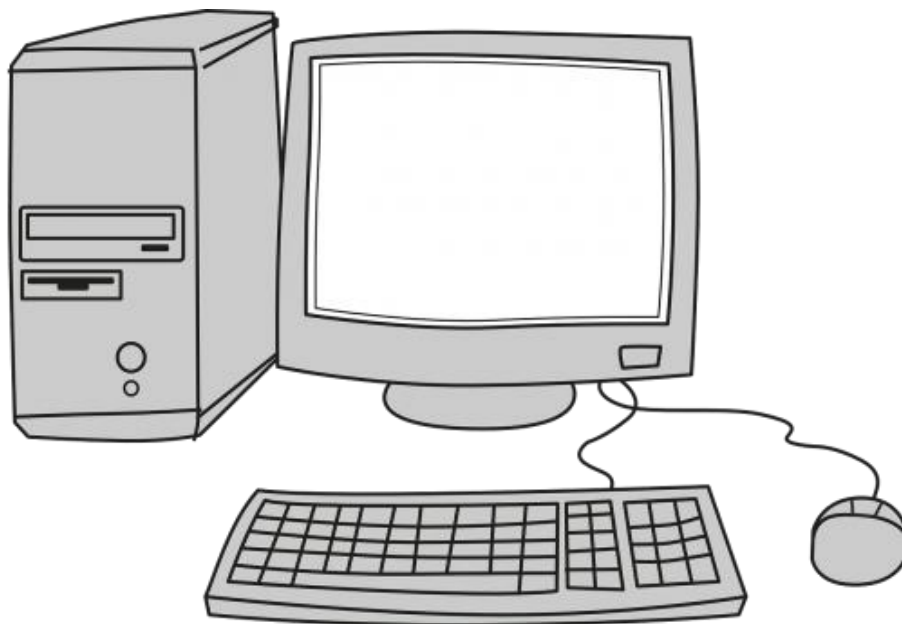
and the diverse community they live in. Our second unit will explore the types of drugs, medicines and vaccines, the law around drugs and the risks associated with drugs.

RE



We will complete two units this term. These will be 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?' and 'Why is the Torah important for Jewish people?'.

IT



In this unit, learners will use physical computing to explore the concept of selection in programming through the use of the Crumble programming environment.

PE



This half term, year 5 will be moving onto hockey and dodgeball.

How can you help your child this term?

- Support your child in reading multiple times a week.
- Complete the weekly spelling homework.
- Support pupils in completing their Century pathways for Maths and English.
- Research the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings with your child.
- Create your very own Viking artifact!

Please bring in the work to share at school, we would be delighted to see the amazing work!

Helpful Links!

<https://trockstars.com/> - Support your child with their times tables

<https://www.century.tech/> - Individual learning programs

[Welcome to Renaissance Place \(renlearn.co.uk\)](http://www.renlearn.co.uk) - AR Reader

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> - Support your child with reading and E-books

[Primary Homework Help | Online Games For Kids](#)

- [BBC Bitesize](#) - You will find curriculum related learning here!