



## Year 5 Spring 1 Newsletter 2022

### Meet the Team



5A class teacher - Ms Morgan,  
Mrs Fox(Mon)  
5B class teacher – Mrs Akhtar

### Y5 teaching assistant team –



Laura Cohen (HLTA)  
Dylan Heap



Samara Chaudry  
Aysha Khan (apprentice)

### Topic Overview & Key Text



This term we will continue to use a text-based approach to our literacy and topic lessons. The first book that will lead our learning is **Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd Stanton**

*“Arthur decides to make the journey to the great hall and help Thor catch the wicked Fenrir. There, he is set the almost impossible task of sourcing magical elements to make a Golden Rope. In an exciting battle, it seems as if all is lost, until Arthur proves that even a small boy can be the most unlikely of heroes.”*

The children will also read 'The Saga of Erik the Viking', 'Viking Boy' and 'Norse myths'. They will read non-fiction books about The Vikings and learn to recite, write and enjoy different aspects of poetry.

### Writing

Focussing on the various Norse myths they will read, the children will be creating their own myth with a hero, villain and a monster. They will learn how to create a plot with a journey, a quest or a series of trials for the hero. They will create characters that behave in superhuman ways with unusual powers or strong characteristics. They will create a magical object which may symbolise something. The children will also be gaining inspiration for their writing from their humanities subjects including the Vikings and Norse Gods.

### Maths

This term we will be continuing our work on multiplication & division. The children will learn the formal written methods. Our main focus will be on the teaching of fractions: different representations of fractions, practical exploration of equivalent fractions by folding paper, comparing fractions with drawings and diagrams and moving on to improper fractions.

### Reading

Alongside the key text, we will focus on other texts linked to the topic in our daily reading lessons. The children will have a scheme reading book pitched at their own level and will have opportunities to choose their own Reading for Pleasure books, to share at home.

### Homework

Homework will be set online (Seesaw) on a Friday and must be completed by the next week. It will include spellings (tested on a Wednesday) and maths (Diagnostic Questions, online) to be completed by the Friday. Every child is also expected to read for at least 20 minutes each day at home. Please read with your child and remind them to make a comment in their reading record.

### Year 5

We will be continuing with our thematic curriculum that creates meaningful links between the children's learning in English, science, humanities and creative arts with our key text as the main driver.

**RE:** Children will explore the question: If God is everywhere why go to a place of worship?

**Science:** Living things and their habitats (life cycles)

**DT:** Viking tunic with a Viking symbol

**Humanities:** The Vikings/Battle of 1066

**Music:** 'Ride of the Valkyries' - Wagner

**PSHE:** Keeping safe and healthy lifestyles

**Computing:** Game creator



## **Year 5 Date & Routines**

School re-opens for all pupils on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Fridays</b>
	PE – please bring correct kit: black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings; a school or plain PE top; a pair of trainers	Spelling test	Homework completed	Homework set (on Seesaw)  Golden Time – 20 minutes of free choice time for children who have stayed green all week

School closes for the Christmas holiday on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
and reopens on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 8:40am.**

### **Dates for your diary:**