

Year 5 Newsletter Autumn Term

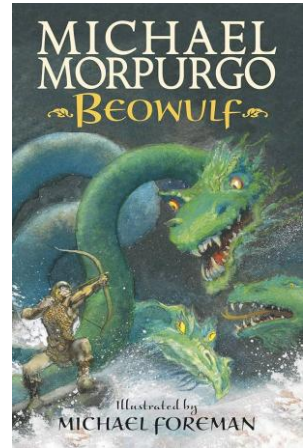


Hello and welcome to Year 5! We are so thrilled to be working with the Year 5 children and we will have lots of fun over the next year!

We have a busy but exciting term ahead of us. This newsletter should cover any questions you may have, however, if you have any further questions then please feel free to e-mail or speak to any member of the Year 5 team. We are always happy to help.

Our learning this term

This term we will be learning about the various invasions in Britain by the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings, and looking at the impact that these had, while looking at similarities and differences between the different tribal communities. In geography, we will focus on the area of Scandinavia and explore the human and physical features within this region. In English we will be reading 'Beowulf' and 'Viking Boy', which link closely to the mythology we will learn about in our history topic. In science, we will focus on Properties and Changes of Materials and Space, including many practical investigations. There are also many exciting opportunities with Art, DT, RE and PE. As always, our social, moral, spiritual and cultural learning will underpin our curriculum. We are also very excited to begin our PSHE Jigsaw curriculum.



Home Learning

Our home learning will be split into 2 categories: weekly essentials and enrichment ideas.

Weekly Essentials:

Reading: Please continue to support your child's home reading. We ask that they read for a minimum of 3 times a week and log this in their reading diaries. The children should also complete a written reading response, which they can choose from the list of ideas provided.

Spelling challenge: Spellings should be practised on Spelling Shed. These will be tested on a Friday.

Enrichment Ideas:

Please choose six of these activities over the whole of the term to show creativity with your home learning.

General Reminders

- **PE:** Our main PE lessons will be on Tuesday - We try to do as many lessons outside as possible so it is important that the children have both inside and outside PE kits including suitable footwear and warm clothing. Please ensure that children with long hair have it tied back and earrings are removed. We would suggest you leave their kit at school so it is always available.
- **Uniform:** Can you please make sure uniform & PE kits are clearly labelled to avoid confusion when children misplace some of their belongings.
- **Coats:** As the weather is changeable and we like to use our outdoor learning environment, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat with them regardless of the weather conditions.
- **Water bottles:** The children should bring in a water bottle from home with a sports style cap, which they can access throughout the day. They will be encouraged to change their water regularly and take them home each evening to be washed. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
- **Rucksacks:** Your child should only need to bring their packed lunch, a water bottle and their reading book if they wish to change it. PE kits can be stored at school throughout the term. As children should not be bringing non-essential items in from home, rucksacks should not be brought into school, especially as there is limited storage space in the classroom.



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Look out for...

- 4th September - Hook Day - We will be using clay so come in old clothes if you prefer.
- 14th September - Jeans for Genes - Wear jeans to school for a special fundraising event to support families impacted by genetic conditions.
- 25th September - MacMillan Fundraiser - Children will all perform songs or poetry to help raise awareness for an important cause.
- 1st October - Wrates - Individual class photographs
- 2nd October - Harvest Festival
- 13th November - Children in Need
- 2nd December - Christmas Fayre
- 14th December - Christmas Performance
- 15th December - Pantomime

We will also be observing other important events this term, including: Black History Month, Road Safety Week, Anti-Bullying Week and more...

Keep checking class blogs and Facebook for regular updates to our learning journey!

Thank you and have a great holiday. See you in September!!

Miss Perrin & Mr Ruck