

Thursday 18th January 2024

Year 5 & 6 Spring Newsletter

Welcome back to the spring term and welcome back from maternity leave Mrs Thompson who has taken over the old 5JG – a class she knows very well! We really enjoyed bringing the autumn term to a close with our family events. We were overwhelmed with the support we had for our Inspire workshops. The children really did need your help to make those fiddly but fantastic Christmas cards! Thank you to all the families who braved the wind to join us for carols around the tree. It was lovely to see all the enthusiastic singing! Thank you so much for coming in to support your children at both of these events.

What have we been learning?

Autumn term took us to Antarctica and we learnt so much about different explorations that happened including Ernest Shackleton and his expedition on the ship Endurance. I'm sure none of us will forget the captivating Zoom session we did with Al Sylvester and I know his story will stay with all of us for a long time. Our focus switched to Science after half term and we enjoyed plenty of hands-on learning to find out all about electricity. We enjoyed writing the biography of Alexander Graham Bell and learning about his inventions including the telephone.

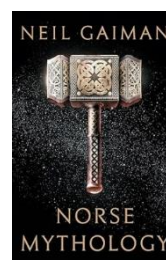
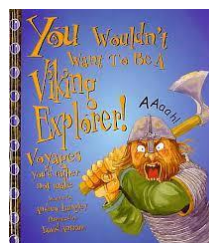
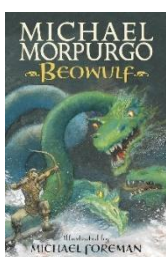
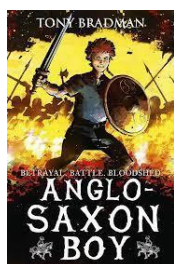
What are we learning about now?

We are already enjoying our new topic! Our Big Question is **Saxon & Viking Settlement – Who Did It Better?** This half term we focus on the Anglo Saxons, next half term we move onto the Vikings. We started the week with our Immersion Day when we began making Anglo Saxon helmets. We have begun studying the story of Beowulf and we will be writing newspaper reports based on it. Look out for news later on in the term about an exciting trip we are organising based on our topic. We also continue our partnership with The Place with more news coming soon about our next activities.



Class Texts

We will be looking at the following texts this term to support our learning.







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Supporting your child at home

As you know, we don't set formal homework each week but we do ask that you support us with some learning at home. We feel that it is really important that the children get into good habits with home working as well as giving you an opportunity to see how they are progressing in different areas of the curriculum.

<p>Regular Reading. Your child will have a reading book that they bring home each day in their reading folder. We ask that the children or you make at least 3 entries into their reading records so that we can track how they are getting on. They can also go on Reading Plus at home.</p>	
<p>Regular Times Tables Practice We encourage children to continue to access TT and practise at home. We know that all that hard work will be lost if they don't come back to their times tables regularly.</p>	
<p>Learning Spellings Each child will be set 10 spelling from the weekly spelling lists for year 5 and 6, which will be given in the yellow spelling books, which the children keep in their reading folders. You can practise them for the weekly test in any way that is helpful.</p>	
<p>Learning by Questions We have been excited to use this in school and the children really enjoy this way of learning. Throughout the term, staff will begin setting some optional home learning related to content that they are studying in school. You can find their LBQ log in inside their reading records. If you are unsure- please just ask your child's teacher.</p>	

PE Days

Your child will take part in PE twice a week. Please send your child in their PE kit on their allocated days. Full PE kit details can be found on the school website. Please see below for your child's PE days.

5SH	Tuesday	Thursday
5MJ	Tuesday	Thursday
5YT	Monday	Thursday
6KG	Monday	Friday
6CD	Wednesday	Friday
6LS	Wednesday	Friday

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How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep a look out for Marvellous Me notifications where we will continue to celebrate successes and notify you of any updates. Letters will be emailed and the website is regularly updated too.

We're all available for a quick chat in the playground after school should you need to catch us but we know many year 5 and 6 parents do not regularly drop off or collect their children, so please call or email the office to contact us with any questions or queries.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Sweeney
Year 5 & 6 Phase Leader



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Mrs Gudgeon
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Mrs Douglas
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Mrs Thompson
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Mrs Hill
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Mr James
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