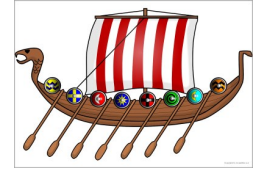


Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2023



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5 and the start of the Autumn Term!

We hope you all had a fantastic summer. We have lots of exciting things planned for this year, including a Viking Wow day, an Egyptian Day, our residential trip to Osmington Bay in Dorset and a trip to Woking Mosque to support our RE curriculum.

If at any point you would like to speak to any of us, please email the Office on info@theraleigh.org and we can arrange a mutually convenient time. We're all looking forward to a fantastic academic year!

Mrs Booth, Mrs Martin and Mrs Chalk

Dates for your diary

Meet the Teacher/Residential Trip Briefing:
Monday 11th September 2023 at 6.00pm in the School Hall.

Viking Wow Day:
Friday 13th October 2023

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th November
(4.30-7.30pm)

The Year 5 Autumn Curriculum

In maths, we will continue to look at the application of the four number operations, problem solving and reasoning. Please ensure that your child learns number facts weekly, especially their times tables, as this will help them greatly with their maths. Each week a new times table challenge will be set for homework and tested the following week.

In English, we will be studying a wealth of genres and will be linking these to the term's topics, including Apollo 13 and Beowulf.

Our topics for this term are Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and we will be having a Viking Wow day on Friday 13th October 2023. More details to follow.

In Science, we will be looking at "Earth, Sun and Moon" and "Forces".

Later in the term, in Design Technology, we will be investigating and making electrical systems and doodlers!

Reading Buddies

This term the children will meet their new Year 1 Reading Buddies. Each week, on a Wednesday, they will spend some time together to help their buddies enjoy—and improve—their reading. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 5 to become more responsible and is usually one of the most popular activities of Year 5!

Library Reading Challenge

Please encourage your children to complete the 'Ready, Set, Read' Surrey Library reading challenge which closes on 23rd September. They need to read 6 (small) books for which they will win stickers, medals, certificates, prizes and house points.

The Year 5 Team

5 Cedar

Mrs Booth (Teacher) and Mrs Allen (TA)

5 Hazel

Mrs Martin (Teacher), Mrs Pinder (TA) and Mrs Price (SCITT)

Extended Learning Team (ELT):

Mrs Chalk

The ELT provides a full range of maths and English (writing and reading) for targeted children every day.

Equipment

In Year 5 we encourage the children to be organised and take more responsibility for their own equipment. They will need to bring the following into school daily:

- Spelling log, Reading book and Reading Record
- Small pencil case which fits in their tray (black handwriting pen, pencil, highlighter, ruler, rubber, whiteboard pen, glue stick and a small selection of colouring pencils)
- Freshly filled water bottle (clearly named)

PE Kit

Outdoor PE — Tuesday PM

Indoor PE — Friday PM

Please ensure children have their full PE kit all week, including a pair of trainers. We will be checking that all kit is named at the start of term.

We would welcome any donations of clean, spare kit, including trainers.

Admin Info

Please keep the office up to date with any changes in personal details and circumstances. This is important so that, for example, both parents, in case of separation, can receive all communications about their children. The school website contains just about everything parents need to know. The school calendar, term dates, year group newsletters, club information etc.

Additionally, the school newsletter (Headlines) is published every Thursday. This is essential reading.

Year 5 Residential to PGL Osmington Bay, Dorset

Please note that our residential trip, a regular highlight of the year, departs on Tuesday 23rd April 2023 and returns on Friday 26th April 2023.

You will be able to find out about this exciting event at the Meet the Teacher meeting on **11th September**. Details of the initial, non-refundable deposit and the flexible payment plan will also be available then.

This trip supports our summer term geography topic (coasts) and links closely to a great deal of our English and art, so we really hope the whole year group will be able to attend.

Logins and Passwords

The children will be set online homework activities such as TT Rockstars, Read Theory, SPAG.com or Mathletics. They will stick their logins and passwords in their Reading Record so they are easily accessible. We will also send a set home and would be grateful if you could keep these in a safe place so the children can find them if, for any reason, they do not have their Reading Record to hand.

Homework

Each week there will be two formal pieces of homework, both of which will be set on a Wednesday and handed in the following Monday. Homework details will be uploaded onto the One Drive, which can be accessed through the school website. If you have any problems accessing the One Drive then please let us know as soon as possible and other arrangements can be made. Each child will have a homework folder to collate any worksheets or resources or finished homework. This must be returned to school every Monday.

It is intended that each homework takes about 30 minutes. Some weeks the homework may be blocked, eg. 60 minutes over 2 weeks. If your child is spending longer than this and they have focussed throughout, ask them to stop and please write and sign a short note in their reading record to that effect.

Maths Homework:

This will be set by your child's maths teacher and will usually be based on the previous week's learning to help consolidate knowledge and understanding.

Additionally, it is very important for the children to maintain the exceptional fluency and accuracy that they developed in their times tables last year. They will be set personalised times table challenges and tested on these each Monday. The children are able to use TT Rockstars, or other times tables games, to support them at other times.

Mystery Homework

This will link to the rest of the curriculum, for example science, English, topic, French etc.

Spellings

The children will bring home 10 spellings each week which will be tested regularly throughout the term, as well as a weekly spelling test every Monday. Children make the most progress in spelling when they apply these words in sentences, have access to them when completing their homework and revisit them frequently to embed them in their long term memory. Please help your child learn these words using the range of approaches available on the school website. You will find your child's weekly spellings in their reading records.

Reading

Children will also be required to read at least every week night. Even if they are an independent reader, it is still beneficial for them to read aloud to an adult to develop their expression and for you to discuss the text with them, so please try and do this regularly. One of the required readings could be completing a quiz on Read Theory in order to improve comprehension skills and expose your child to a variety of texts. Reading Records will be checked every Monday for a minimum of three adult signatures per week.