



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2016



Dear Parents . . .

Welcome to Year 5 and the start of the Autumn Term! We have lots of exciting things planned for this year, including a Viking Wow day, a performance at the local church's Christingle service, a trip to the British Museum, an Egyptian Day, our residential trip to Osmington Bay in Dorset and a trip to Woking Mosque hopefully, to support our RE curriculum.

Following the success of last year, we have been invited back to sing and speak/act at the Christingle Service on **Sunday 4th December at St Martin's Church at 10:30am**. With plenty of notice this year, we hope that the whole year group will be able to attend.

During the year, we will need help in the classroom for various activities, such as reading (Toe by Toe), cooking, library and sewing. If any parents or grandparents (who have DBS clearance) would like to come into school to work with the children, please sign up at the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting next week, as we would greatly appreciate any help (see date overleaf).

New this year: The children will be making their own Viking lunch to eat on their Viking 'wow' day using ingredients from the school allotment. Please could you provide your child with a piece of fruit from the Viking era eg an apple and we will sort the rest!

If at any point you would like to speak to any of us, just 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!

Liz Rees, Anna Maclean and Kathy Hollingshurst

The Curriculum—all of the subjects are closely linked to the New National 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.

In English, we will be studying a wealth of genres and will be linking these to the topic.

Our topics for this term are Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. There will be a whole day Viking workshop on 21st October. More guidance 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 designing, baking and tasting our own bread! Offers of help welcome!

Reading Buddies

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

Equipment

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

Reading book

Reading Record

Small pencil case which fits in their tray (to include a Pritt stick, a black handwriting pen, a ruler and a small selection of colouring pencils)

Freshly filled water bottle (clearly named)

Packet of tissues

The Year 5 Team

5R – Liz Rees, Sally Nicholls (SCITT Teacher in training) and Jenny Worwood (TA)

5M – Anna Maclean (Tues-Fri), Kathy Hollingshurst (Mon), Yvonne Alloway (TA, Mon-Wed), Johanna Hughes (TA, Thurs-Fri), Maggie Allen (SNA Mon, Tues, Thursday pm and Fri) and Katy Dowling (SNA Wed and Thurs am).

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.

Dates for your diary

**Meet the Teacher: Friday 16th September
at 2.45pm in 5M**

Viking Day: Friday 21st October

**Parents' Evenings: Tues 11th & Thursday
13th October (4.30-7.30)**

Outdoor PE/Games

Games — Wednesday PM

(taught by external coaches)

PE—Friday PM.

**Please ensure children have their
full PE kit all week.**

Year 5 Residential to Osmington Bay, Dorset

This is a polite reminder that our residential to Osmington Bay departs on **Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th April 2017** which means that we return on the Friday of the May bank holiday weekend.

Please don't book family trips away as this school trip links very closely to our summer term Geography topic—Coasts and is regularly **THE** highlight of Year 5 for the children so it would be a great shame if they had to miss out.

Homework

Each week there will be two formal pieces of homework, both of which will be set on a Wednesday and handed in on a Monday. One piece will be Maths set by your child's Maths teacher and the other links to the rest of the curriculum for example science, English, topic, French etc. These are intended to take about 30 minutes each, of focused quality effort to complete - please encourage your child to plan when they will complete their homework, rather than leaving it until Sunday evening! If they are spending longer than this and are struggling, ask them to stop and write a short note in their homework folder to that effect. In addition to this, the children will bring home 5 personal spellings from their writing across the curriculum that week. 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 **so please sign these words each week** to say you have made a note of them at home and you will help your child learn these words regularly. They 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 at least **three times a week**. Reading Records will be checked every Monday for a minimum of three adult signatures per week and if this is **not evident the children will be kept in at playtime to read.**