



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2018



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 trip to the British Museum, an Egyptian Day, our residential trip to Osmington Bay in Dorset and a trip to Woking Mosque to support our RE curriculum.

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).

Once again, the children will be making their own Viking lunch to eat on their Viking 'wow' day using ingredients from the school allotment. We would appreciate parent help during this morning so do let us know if you are available.

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 Rees and Mr Pedace

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.

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

Our topics for this term are Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. There will be a whole day Viking workshop on the 12th October. 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 designing, baking and tasting our own bread! Offers of help welcome!

A Christmas date for your diary—yes, really! Following the success of last year, we have been invited back to sing and speak at the Christingle Service on Sunday 2nd December at St Martin's Church at 10:30am. Please put this date in your diary as it would be great to fill the congregation with every child from the year group in this lovely community service.

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 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 (it must include a 40g glue stick, a black handwriting pen, a ruler, a pencil and a small selection of colouring pencils/gel pens)

Freshly filled water bottle (clearly named)

Packet of tissues

The Year 5 Team

5R – Mrs Rees, Mrs Eve (TA, every day except Wednesday), Miss Bergman (TA, Wednesday) and Mrs Lowe (Special Needs Assistant).

5P – Mr Pedace, Miss Bergman (TA Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Hughes (Wednesday to Friday)

Mrs Batey will be part of the teaching team for English and maths from Monday to Wednesday until Christmas.

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/Residential Trip: Monday

17th September at 6.15pm in 5P

Viking Day: Friday 12th October

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 16th & Thursday 18th
October (4.30-7.30pm)

INSET: Friday 23rd November

Christingle service: Sunday 2nd December

Outdoor PE/Games

Games — Tuesday PM

PE—Friday PM.

Please ensure children have their full PE kit all week. We will be checking that all kit is named at the start of term!

Year 5 Residential to PGL Osmington Bay, Dorset

Please note that our residential trip, a regular highlight of the year, departs on Tuesday 30th April 2019 and returns on Friday 3rd May, which is the start of the May Bank Holiday weekend. You will be able to find out about this exciting event at the Meet the Teacher meeting on 17th 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 lots of our English and art so we really hope the whole year group will be able to attend, just as they did in Year 4.

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 and the other will link to the rest of the curriculum, for example science, English, topic, French etc. These are intended to take about 30 minutes each. If your child is spending longer than this and they have focussed throughout, ask them to stop and write a short note in their homework folder to that effect.

In addition, the children will bring home 10 spellings each week which will be tested regularly throughout the term. 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 circulated at the last Parents' Evening and also available on the school website.

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. Reading Records will be checked every Monday for a minimum of three adult signatures per week and if a child does not have their Reading record or the minimum number of signatures, they will be kept in at playtime to read with Mrs O'Neill.