



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2020



Dear Parents,

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

We are so pleased to have the children back in class and, despite the challenges, we have lots of exciting things planned for this year, including a Viking Wow day this term and an Ancient Egyptian Wow day in the Spring .

We are disappointed that we can't meet you in person at the moment but we hope you will watch our 'Meet the Teacher' video to find out more about Year 5.

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. Please also check the website and 'Headlines' each week as it contains lots of useful information for the whole school and Year 5 .

We're all looking forward to a safe , happy and successful academic year!

Mrs Rees, Miss Sen and Mr Tuckett

The Year 5 Autumn Curriculum

We will start the year by recapping some key Year 4 learning objectives and then we will be assessing the children to identify any gaps.

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 23rd October. More details to follow.

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

Reading Buddies

We are trying to find a way to continue our successful Reading Buddies scheme with Year 1. We will be thinking creatively about how we can make contact safely, for example with a story time video. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 5 to become more responsible and is usually one of the most popular activities of the year!

The Year 5 Team

5 Cedar – Mrs Rees, Miss Bergman (TA Monday-Wednesday), Mrs Hartwell (TA Thursday and Friday)

5 Hazel – Miss Sen, Mrs Eve (TA)

Extended Learning Team (ELT): Mr. Tuckett, Mrs Pinder (TA Monday-Wednesday). The ELT provides a full range of maths and English for targeted children every day. In addition, Mr Tuckett will offer booster sessions after lunch for other children who may need to consolidate the day's learning.

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*
- *Trainers (named)*

Dates for your diary

Viking Workshop/Wow Day: Friday 23rd October

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th October (4.30-7.30pm) via Zoom

INSET day: Friday 20th November

End of term: Friday 20th December

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.

Logins and Passwords

During the year, the children will be set some online homework activities such as TT Rockstars, Read Theory (reading comprehension), Purple Mash or Mathletics. The children will stick their logins and passwords in their Reading Record so they are easily accessible. We will also send a set of logins and passwords home and we 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 on a Monday. The maths homework 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. The other 'mystery' homework will link to the rest of the curriculum, for example science, English, topic, French etc. It is intended that each homework takes about 30 minutes. 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 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 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.

Finally, it is very important for the children to become fluent and accurate in their times tables so any voluntary practice is very welcome! The children are able to use the Times Tables Rockstars site, or other times tables games, to support them.

Outdoor PE/Games

Games — Tuesday PM

PE—Friday PM

Trainers only