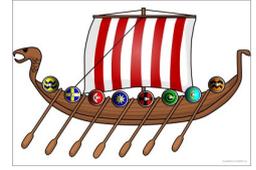


# Year 5 Newsletter

## Autumn 2017



### 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 3rd December at St Martin's Church at 10:30am. Please put this date in your diary now as it would be great to fill the congregation with every child from the year group.

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. Please also provide your child with a piece of fruit from the Viking era eg an apple on this day and we will sort the rest!

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

**Anna Maclean, Sally Nicholls and Katrina Batey**

**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 topic.

Our topics for this term are Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. There will be a whole day Viking workshop on the 13th 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!

### 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 Pritt 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** – Sally Nicholls, Claire Spencer (TA, Mon-Thurs,) Pauline Emmell (TA on a Friday)

Andrea Trotter and Gemma Studholme (Special Needs Assistants)

**5M** – Katrina Batey (Mon), Anna Maclean (Tues-Fri), Yvonne Alloway (TA, Mon-Wed), Andrea Trotter (TA, Thurs-Fri),

Maggie Allen and Hannah Naylor Vane (Special Needs Assistants)

**Natalia Davies - Maths sets Mon-Fri**

## 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: Monday 18th September  
at 2:45pm in 5M**

**Viking Day: Friday 13th October**

**Parents' Evenings: Tues 17th & Thursday  
19th October (4.30-7.30)**

### Outdoor PE/Games

Games — Tuesday 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 trip, a regular highlight of the year, departs on **Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th April 2017.**

**The initial, non refundable deposit of £65 is due by Friday of this week (8th September) and then 3 further instalments of £100 are due by the 3rd October, 12th January and 9th March.**

This trip links very closely to our summer term Geography topic—Coasts so we really hope to take away the whole year group.

## 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. If they are spending longer than this and have focussed throughout, 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 with Mrs O'Neill.**