



Year 5 Autumn Term 2018

English

In Year 5 we will be focusing on writing at length and improving the quality of our writing through self-reflection. Joined handwriting and neat presentation continue to be a priority in all lessons. Big Writes will provide children with an opportunity to showcase the skills they have learned. We will also be introducing 'Just Write' sessions to allow children more freedom to explore different ideas in their writing. This term we will be looking in detail at Norse myths and legends, which will link with our study of the Vikings. We will create our own Nordic sagas, poetry and informative texts.

There will be regular spelling tests which will assess the children's understanding of the different spelling rules that we have been working on in class. These will be held on a Monday with new spellings going home to practise on this day.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on number; specifically place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies. We will be paying particular attention to the development of reasoning skills, and children will be given lots of opportunities to explain and prove what they know. In mental maths, we will



focus on improving the recall of key facts on topics such as time, number and fractions.

We will also be continuing with the BIG MATHS in Year 5. As part of this, your child will take part in short tests each week designed to help them gain in confidence and to help them make connections with different parts of their mathematical learning.

Topic

We have developed this term's topic curriculum in collaboration with the children, ensuring that it links to our whole school topic, 'All Aboard the Language Ship'.

We will be learning about the Vikings, and using this context to explore their geographical origins, their beliefs, culture and artefacts and how their actions affected history.

We will also explore the origins of Scandinavian words in the English language.

In science sessions, we will be learning about Earth and Space, with a focus on the planets of our Solar System and the recent missions to explore these.

In art, we will embroider our own tapestries on a Nordic theme.

RE

This term we will be studying the beliefs of Christians. Children will be guided to share their views and develop respect and appreciation for other faiths.

Computing

Children will be taught how to keep themselves and their data safe online. The children will develop their understanding of coding, and will use digital resources to animate short stories. The children will also be using Purple Mash and Manga High to complete their **home learning**.



Home Learning

As children get older, it is still important for them to read to - and be read to by - an adult. Please continue to listen to your child read and carry out maths activities - such as practising times tables - with them **at least four times per week**. This half term, children will be given a choice of tasks on Purple Mash/Manga High which are to be completed by the following **Friday**.



PE

PE will take place on Thursdays this half term. We will also continue with the Golden Mile several times per week. Please ensure your child has a named kit and outdoor shoes in school **every day**. There may be times when days need to be changed at short notice.

Trips / visits

We are looking forward to our visit from Repeating History on **Thursday 18th October 2018**. This will immerse the children in their learning about the Vikings.

French

In Year 5, children begin learning French words and phrases. This term we will focus on greetings, numbers, colours, families and our homes.



Music

Children will be given the option to continue on the guitar in Year 5. For those children wishing to try something new, there will also be the chance to learn Samba drumming and how to compose music digitally using iPads.

