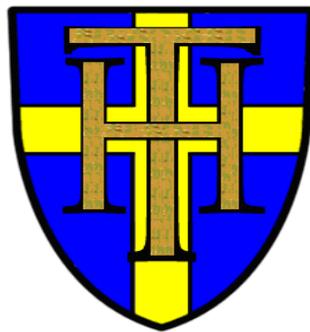


# Year 5 Class Newsletter

Spring Term  
2018

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to the second term in Year 5. I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to the challenges and rewards the new year brings. Our TA is Mrs McConologue .



## Important reminders

- Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named.
- Any money sent into school must be in a labeled envelope.
- **PE kit MUST be in school every day.**
- **Homework will consist of reading, spelling, maths and a project.**
- **Children must read for at least 10 minutes every day. Please ask your child about their books to check their comprehension.**

## Maths and English

The 2014 National Curriculum will be taught in year 5 in preparation for the SATs at the end of key stage 2. Maths topics will continue to consist of; number and place value, fractions including decimals, multiplication and division, addition, subtraction and measurement. Problem solving will be taught regularly, encouraging deeper thinking and mastery in maths. This enables the children to have a great opportunity to engage in critical thinking by using reasoning to support their answers to Maths problems. The times tables will be also included into our weekly lessons.

In English, we will be covering Narrative – Suspense & mystery; Non-fiction – persuasion, explanations & Instructions; Poetry – vocabulary building and structure – spoken word poetry/rap. Grammar and punctuation will be taught through all English lessons. Spelling rules will also be taught in class.

## Topic

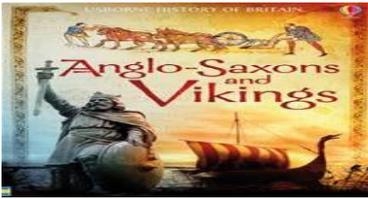
Our History topic will continue with The Victorians. This topic will have cross curricular connections to Art/ DT, Geography and English. We will also be learning about *the journey from the cocoa pod to the chocolate bar* for Geography in the second half of the spring term. This will be followed by the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.



Our motto is:

### **Alta Pete – Aim High**

“The primary aim of the school is to help each pupil reach his or her full potential so that they may develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge to take full advantage of the opportunities available in their future lives.”



## Science

Mrs Murdoch will be teaching Earth and Space followed by Living Things and Life cycles. The children will be learning about the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun, the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night, and how theories about the solar system have developed over time.

The children will then be learning about the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird; classification of plants and animals; the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals; carry out scientific enquiries then report findings through oral and written explanations.

## PE

PE is taught every Thursday by our PE coordinator – Miss Plant. **PE kits are required in school every day as the days may change due to special events.** All PE kits must be named. We recommend trainers and navy jogging bottoms to be included in the PE kits as PE may take place outside.

I will also teach dance every Friday in the school hall. At times this may be barefooted so if there is a medical reason your child cannot remove their shoes and socks could you please send in a letter informing me of this.

## Trips

We are looking forward to going Bell Boating in February. Thank you to all the parents that have returned their permission slips already. We also have a teenage author visiting us this month – he will be signing any books he sells (more information to follow).

**The Year 5 team – Mrs Eddington and Mrs McConalogue.  
Mrs Hart will be teaching computing and Miss Plant will be teaching P.E.**

## RE

In RE will be learning about Sikhism; Beliefs & moral values. Followed by Christianity; Easter – Did God intend Jesus to be crucified and if so was Jesus aware of this?

## Homework

Homework will consist of daily reading, weekly spelling, weekly Mathletics and a half termly project. Please complete the homework by the deadlines set. If your child is unable to complete the homework or requires support with it please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Eddington before it's due.

Please ensure that your child is reading on a daily basis and sign their reading records. It is also important to engage your child in conversation about what they are reading by asking them various questions about their books; this encourages them to use evidence from the text to support their answers. Reading records will be checked daily to monitor the reading at home and the children not reading will be invited to read during morning break.

Children are encouraged to use Mathletics to compliment what they are learning in school and to self-reflect on their individual areas for development.

Spelling patterns will be taught throughout the week; words will be sent home and the children will be tested via dictated sentences.

Details of the topic homework will be provided by Mrs Murdoch – a science project linked to Earth and Space.