

Year 5 Curricular Letter

Spring Term 1

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you had a wonderful time over the Christmas period. Year 5 have quickly settled back into their routines for this term. We were really impressed by all of the homework that was brought in at the end of the last half term, especially the models of the Oracle Bones and the Science Investigations. It was clear to see how much effort had gone into producing work of such creativity and of such a high standard. We also wanted to repeat how incredibly proud we were of the children for the Christmas Production. They were absolutely phenomenal! Well done Year 5 and keep up the good work!

This curriculum letter will inform you of what we will be covering in class during the first half of the Spring term. Our topic this half term is 'What did the Vikings want with England?' stemming from our learning of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings in History. Much of our work across the curriculum will relate to this. To begin our topic, The History Squad will be visiting us on Monday 15th January and will be leading some exciting workshops. Your child is welcome to come to school dressed as an Anglo-Saxon or Viking on this day. More details will be sent via Seesaw. If you have any queries, concerns, or simply a question, please don't hesitate to send us an email. We will be more than happy to help! Our email addresses are t.norris@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk and k.blackledge@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk. Thank you for your continued support!

This half term our topic is '**The Anglo Saxons and Vikings**'. We will be exploring aspects of Saxon and Viking culture in England after the death of Alfred the Great. Tying in with this theme, we will read 'SheWolf' by Dan Smith. Please take some time to talk to your children about the topic, read books and stories, watch programmes and think of some questions they can explore in class. See the bottom of the letter for recommended reads for the half term.

The Half Term Ahead

Literacy- Can I write a Saxon battle cry?

Computing
Could I be the next Spielberg?

PE -
What would it take to be in Diversity?

History - What led to the Battle of Hastings?

RE - Why did Jesus tell parables?

French - tu aimes les frites?

Music -
Why is 'Make you feel my love' a pop ballad?

DT - How did the Vikings make pouches?

PSHE - How can we best manage risk?

Days to Remember

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Mrs Fothergill/Mrs Turner teach in the afternoon

Spelling and multiplication test
PE

Subjects

English

The children will be focussing on persuasive writing.

They will be listening to, and reading, high quality battle cries in order to write their own from the point of view of a Saxon, rallying villagers against invading Vikings. Once written, the children will record and perform their battle cry against a green screen. You can help at home by encouraging your child to read aloud and concentrate on expression when reading. Practising reciting short passages of texts will also help them when it comes to reciting their own battle cry.

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home on a Monday to practise for a test on the following Monday. The words will be the basis of our spelling sessions throughout the week when spelling rules and patterns will be discussed and learnt. Your child will also be set assignments on Spelling Shed based on the spelling rules that they have learnt. We will continue to test 8 spellings from the most recent weekly list and 2 spellings from previous weeks.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out half termly - each half term you will receive a home learning menu. As explained on the menu, you must complete the Maths, English and Science activity as well as one RE activity. The rest is up to you. The homework menu will allow you to be creative and imaginative in what you decide to produce.

Recommended Books around Our Topic

- Arthur - Michael Morpurgo
- Beowulf - Michael Morpurgo
- The King Arthur Trilogy - Rosemary Sutcliffe

Reading

Everyday your child will take part in a Guided Reading lesson where they will be responding to a range of activities based upon the chosen text. Your child also has the responsibility to change their reading book when they have finished their home reader. If your child also reads their own books at home, please note this within their reading records. Your child also has access to 'Bug Club' where they have a range of books to choose from. The login for this website is in your child's blue ICT folder.

Maths

We continue to use the Maths No Problem scheme in school with great success. We will continue with division before moving onto fractions.

Children will continue to practice their multiplication tables in class (being tested weekly) and using the Times Tables Rockstars App. Your support of this at home too is much appreciated. Just as phonics is a key to unlocking reading, rapid recall of multiplication facts unlocks maths for children and underpins all learning.

Homework due in - Monday 5th February 2024

We are looking forward to seeing the children continue to develop and grow over the next half term. We have got some exciting topics and activities planned which we cannot wait to start!

Many thanks,

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