



Year 5 News Autumn Term



Welcome to Year 5. The children have settled well and are becoming familiar with the routines of the class.

VISITS/VISITORS TO SCHOOL: Educational visits have been arranged and we have given you details of the programme for the year. Our Take One project this term is the painting 'The Fighting Temeraire' by J.M.W Turner, which will be supported by a visit to the National Gallery on **1st October**.

In History we will focus on the 'The Vikings' and this will be supported by a visit the National Maritime Museum on **12th and 15th November** when children will enjoy the workshops that have been booked. We also have Freshwater Theatre Company visiting school on **29th October**.

To ensure your child may participate in these visits, and the programme for the remainder of the year, you will need to return the permission slip at the bottom of the letter distributed with this letter. To ensure trips proceed, we need your financial support. Please make a payment of £6.50 (half term), or £13 (full term) or £39 annual payment. Please use the AGORA Online Payment System; if you have any difficulty gaining access, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.

If you are able to accompany the children on any educational visits throughout the year, you will need to have completed a DBS Form. Please contact the school office for further information.

SCIENCE: The Science Topic this half term is Forces, which links to our work in Literacy 'Take One Painting'. We will be revisiting some learning on gravity and learning how this impacts on other forces for example air resistance and water resistance. In Autumn 2 we will be developing the children's understanding about materials and their properties. You may like to watch out for any suitable materials that will enhance your child's learning of this topic at home – e.g. suitable books, television programmes, CD Rom software.

LITERACY: Please encourage your child to read regularly at home both on their own and with you and make daily use of their Reading Record Book. In Year 5 we will be working on building children's reading stamina and enjoyment. We will begin the term with a whole school topic 'Take One Painting' where we will be exploring The Fighting Temeraire and teaching key punctuation and grammar skills which will form the basis of much of our literacy this term. In Autumn 2 we will be using a Michael Morpurgo text to develop reading skills.

MATHS: Children will continue to consolidate the Maths covered in Year 4, with more emphasis this year on understanding decimals, fractions and percentages. They will also be learning the formal methods for all four operations to support in problem solving activities. It is vital that all children know their multiplication tables, and the support you give at home with this will be of great benefit to your child. We will be setting weekly homework tasks that should be completed in their Home Learning Journal.

HISTORY: This term in year 5 we have an exciting History topic, which is The Vikings. We will be learning about the Vikings, where they come from and their influence on our culture. Our visit to the National Maritime Museum will support this area of learning.

PE: Could you please make sure the children have trainers, black shorts with white t-shirts and that they keep these at school during the week and take them home at the end of the week to be washed. Earrings should not be worn on PE days and only studs at other times. PE Days for both classes will be Monday and Wednesday. We will be beginning the term with Cricket.

Computing: We will be linking Computing to all areas of learning through a variety of devices such as iPads, iMacs and Laptops to create and code our own programs.

ART and DT: Our focus this term in Art is creating a variety of textures and layers through collage. Children will also be sketching, painting and learning techniques such as perspective and vanishing points. In DT we will be exploring CAMS mechanisms and making moving models.

HOME LEARNING: We would like to emphasise the importance of either reading with your child or ensuring your child reads independently each evening and to make a record in the reading log. Reading logs will be checked weekly by the class teachers. Children will sometimes be asked to research aspects of our topics. Year 5 children will be asked to learn spellings weekly that will be assessed in class. We will also ask them to carry out a weekly maths activity. There may be some children who would like to use this journal to write about the book they are currently reading or even write stories and poems. We are happy for children to do this but will emphasise the fact that this is not expected. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and expected in on a Tuesday.

We would like to take this opportunity of stressing how important it is for all children to wear correct school uniform. Please remember that all school uniform and equipment should be named (including lunch boxes please).

Thank you for your support!

Miss Hazlewood and Miss Powell – Year 5 teachers.