

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2024

English



In English, we will be studying **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio. Using this text, we will be exploring a range of different skills and techniques to develop our writing. We will be considering audience and purpose for different text types, such as setting and character descriptions, balanced arguments, non-chronological reports and diary entries. We will continue to read a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts alongside our main story.

Maths

In **maths** this term, we will be exploring place value in detail, focusing on handling larger numbers up to 1,000,000. We will practise methods to become proficient in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and learn how to solve problems around them. Throughout the term, we will be working on our reasoning skills to deepen our understanding of each topic.



Science

Our first topic will be '**Forces**'. The children will explore the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. They will have the opportunity to experiment with simple mechanisms such as levers, gears and pulleys that increase the effect of a force.

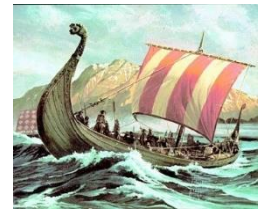


After half-term, our topic will be '**Earth and Space**'. We will be describing the shapes and movement of the Sun, Moon, Earth and other planets in the solar system. We will be studying the Italian scientist Galileo Galilei, who discovered that the sun is the centre of our solar system.



Topic

Our **topic** for the autumn term is 'The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons'. We will be using timelines to explore how the Anglo-Saxons fit into our history and the reasons why they invaded Britain. We will be using primary sources to explore their daily life. We will also be looking at where these invaders came from and how their homeland geography (Northern Europe) compares to Britain.



Reminders

Key dates

- **Trip to RAF Museum Cosford – Wednesday 25th September.**
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning – On Friday 18th October** we would like to invite you into school for our coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan charity.
- **Inspire Workshops – Tuesday 8th October** for 5S and **Tuesday 5th November** for 5W.

- Each child should be **reading** frequently to an adult at home, as well as reading independently daily. Please ensure that children have their reading diaries and reading books with them every day, so that we can read with your child regularly.
- **PE** will be on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** for **both 5W and 5S.**
- Homework will be set on a **Friday** and due in the following **Wednesday.**