

# Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2024

## Topic

The Year 5 topic this half term will be 'Anglo-Saxon and Viking Invaders'. The children will learn about why people invaded and settled in Britain. We are very lucky to be having a visit from an Anglo-Saxon lady who will tell us all about life in Anglo-Saxon times.

In art, the children will create pottery inspired by that used by the invaders. In Design Technology, the children will learn to weave a decorative wall hanging and make Anglo-Saxon honey bread.

## Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. At Errington, the children complete a Star Reader test each half term. They will then be given a reading range from which to choose their reading books. Children read their book in school each day and are expected to read at home each night for at least 20 minutes. When they finish a book, they complete a quiz on the book in school. In addition to this, children work on Reading Plus at least 4 times a week and have a guided reading session with their teacher.



## Science

In Science, our focus this term is 'Materials'. Over the half term, the children will learn about solids, liquids and gases, and investigate how these can be changed.

## R.E

In RE this term, your child will be learning about what Christians believe.



reading plus

## Home Learning

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In year Y5, children are provided with weekly homework and spellings to learn. These will go out on a Friday and must be returned on the following Wednesday. As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments. These include, Purple Mash, Times Tables Rock Stars, Reading Plus and Century. These can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website and on the Year 5 Share Point.

## Maths

In maths, the children will consolidate their understanding of place value in numbers up to a million. They will add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits and check their answers using inverses and approximation. The children will develop their understanding of multiplication through multiples, factors, prime numbers, square and cubed numbers. They will use place value to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000.

## English

In English, we will start the year with a focus on the place value of punctuation, learning about the elements that make up grammatically correct sentences. Following this, the children will write explanation texts based on the story Arthur and the Golden Rope. They will read and write poetry inspired by the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

## Computing

In Computing, we will be working on developing our Coding skills. The children will design scenes and insert objects which they will control using computer code. They will learn to keep themselves safe online.

## P.E.

Year 5 pupils will have a quick PE session on a Monday and gymnastics on Wednesday. On those days, we ask that your child wears a school P.E kit. This comprises of a pair of black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and trainers.