



## Year Five Newsletter: Autumn 1 2025



Welcome to Year Five! We are delighted to welcome the children back to school and hope you all had a lovely summer break. We are ready for a term's fantastic learning, which will encompass the gory aspects of the Viking era in our topic **Raiders and Traders**, as well as the possible geographical and trade reasons for the Viking invasions. We have a packed and exciting school schedule which we are delighted to be able to share with the children over the coming weeks.

In Crew, the children will be working collaboratively in a range of activities and challenges, and will be familiarising themselves with their new routines, and understanding the expectations we have of them now they are in Year Five.

We thank you in anticipation for your support and we look forward to a term of exciting learning and great progress. If you do have any questions, please speak to us in person or email us via the school office email.

With our best regards,

The Year Five team

Our Learning Theme Raiders and Traders		Important Dates:			
 	Individual photographs: Wednesday 17th September 2025				
	Flu immunisations: Thursday 25th September 2025				
	Learning log due: Friday 7th November 2025				
		Viking Visitor: Monday 17th November 2025			
		<b>This half term SPS University Activity:</b>  <b>Group Y5A - Art - Miss Brett</b> <b>Group Y5B - BSL - Mrs Wilson</b> <b>Young Voices</b>			
Homework		Learning Log		PE Days	
In Year Five, spellings and maths homework are sent home on a Friday in a book which your child can use to complete their practice in. It is to be completed and brought back for the following Friday. The children will go through their work in class so please ensure it is returned each week. The first piece of homework will be set on Friday 12th September and is to be returned on Friday 19th September 2025.		Learning Logs are issued each term. The first learning log will be sent home the week of the 6th October and will be due to be shared on Friday 7th November with their class. The children can pursue any area of interest regarding our theme and work in whichever format they choose.		<b><u>Wednesday (Outdoor):</u></b> Basketball <b><u>Friday (indoor):</u></b> Gymnastics  Please ensure your child wears appropriate PE clothes, in line with the school uniform policy.	
Curriculum					
English		Maths		Science and Humanities	
In English the children will start by writing a short biography about either Marie Curie or Stephen Hawking, we will then move on to explore the story Zoo by Antony Browne and create some of the		In maths we will start by revisiting the basics in place value and progress to looking at digits with up to 6 digits. We will then move on to written and mental methods of		In science we will kick off the half term with our first unit on Forces. The children will deepen their understanding of friction, water resistance, air resistance and gravity.	



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children's own versions of the story. We want the children to understand and explore the different language structures used to give different impacts.	addition and subtraction with digits more than 4 digits. We will encourage the children to explore the use of rounding and use of the inverse operation to check the accuracy of their work.	In humanities, we will have a history focus and will explore all things Viking; from what Britain was like before the first Viking invasion to life up to the end of the Viking era.
The Arts	Computing, RE and PSHE	Year Five Team
In art we will be focusing upon the use of pencil to sketch, shade and give Viking designs depth and dimension. We will start by looking at traditional Viking art and the use it has in telling us about the Viking period, we will then move on to look at the figure heads used on Viking ships and the detail used in the jewellery worn.	<p>In computing we will refresh our e-safety knowledge and understanding, and learn how to be safe online.</p> <p>In RE, we will explore Hindu beliefs, whilst in PSHE we will be focusing on our relationships with ourselves and one another as we move into Upper Key Stage Two.</p>	<p>Mr Feather - Curie Class Teacher</p> <p>Miss Hayden - Hawking Class Teacher</p>