



# Welcome to Year 5

## Our Core Subjects

In English this term we will be focusing on a variety of genres, including: stories with historical settings, discussions, poetry, myths and legends and instructions.

Throughout the English units we will be focusing on Spellings, Grammar and Punctuation.

In Maths, our focus will be on: Place value, addition and subtraction, mental and written multiplication, measures, mental and written division, 2D and 3D shapes, fractions and measures.

Throughout our Maths lessons, we will be focusing on Times Tables so we ask that you encourage and support your child with their learning of these at home, please. Pupils will also need to be fluent with corresponding division facts.

In Science our focus will be *How do forces work?*

During this topic, pupils will explore how a range of forces are used. Furthermore, pupils will carry out investigations.

Our key vocabulary:

**Gravity, Newtons, Force, Air resistance, Water resistance, Friction**

## Our Foundation Subjects

### History and Geography

In History, pupils will learn about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. They will study the Viking invasion and how their settlement affected the Anglo-Saxons. In Geography, pupils will learn about the United Kingdom. They will study the features of the UK.

### Music

In Music lessons, pupils will learn to sing and perform the song, *Feel My Love*. They will learn how to warm up their voices and follow a pulse and a rhythm in time. In the topic, *Prince of Bel Air*, pupils will appraise music, improvise and perform their work.

### Art and DT

In Spring 1 Art lessons, pupils will be looking at textiles and learning a range of sewing skills. In Spring 2 Art lessons, pupils will be looking at illusions and exploring a range of artists works. In DT, pupils will design and make their own bridges.

### RE

In Spring 1, pupils will be continuing to learn about the importance of prayer for Christians. After half term, pupils will begin to learn how and why do Jewish people, Muslims and Hindus pray? Pupils will continue with this topic after Easter.

### Computing

In Computing, pupils will focus on spreadsheets, databases and game creating. Pupils will look at and explore how and why spreadsheets and databases are used. Pupils will further develop and deepen their knowledge in game creating.

### PE

In Spring 1, pupils will complete a gymnastic unit and will look at a range of balances and movements. In Spring 2, pupils will continue outdoor education through a series of further team building activities and games.

### PSHE

Pupils will learn about how to face challenges and set personal goals. They will explore their dreams and goals and learn about the positive impact of being healthy.



### This term's topics are:

SCIENCE - How do forces work?

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY - The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.  
The United Kingdom

ART - Textiles  
Illusions

DT - Bridges

COMPUTING - Spreadsheets  
Databases  
Game Creator

MUSIC - Feel My Love  
Prince of Bel Air

RE - When, How and Why do Christians Pray?  
How and why do Jewish people, Muslims and Hindus pray??

PSHE - Dreams and Goals  
Healthy Me

### Home Learning Tasks

Home learning tasks will be set, which are based on learning that has already taken place in school. This means that your child can complete them with greater independence. We do ask that you check your child's home learning tasks to ensure they are completed to a good standard and returned to school on time for your continued support.



### Reading

Listening to your child read aloud as often as possible will support them with their reading, writing and spelling. The benefits are huge. Please write a comment and sign your child's diary every time you hear them read so that we can track the progress they are making at home.

## Spring Term in Year 5

Welcome to the start of a new term. We hope you all had a very lovely Christmas and New Year and feel ready to start the Spring Term.

This year, the Year 5 team is:

- Class 11 - Mr. Ellis
- Class 12 - Miss Hill
- HLTA - Miss Thomas
- TA - Miss Jenkins

Doors open to pupils at 8.40am and pupils will come straight to class ready for registration at 8.50am. Any pupils who are late, must report to the School Office.

### PE Kits

Pupils are expected to wear the correct PE kit for every PE lesson each week. The correct PE kit is:

White t-shirt (plain or with Woden logo only)

Dark blue tracksuit bottoms

Dark blue sweatshirt (plain or with Woden logo only)

Trainers

Children are not to wear their own clothes or sports wear with other logos for school. We would like our pupils to really take pride in their appearance as well as our school PE kit.

**Year 5 PE day is: WEDNESDAY (Swimming: Thursday)**

### Curriculum Enrichment

We are always looking for ways to bring our pupils' learning to life and have some visits already booked for Spring.

**Viking and Anglo-Saxon workshop** - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

This visit will support our history learning. More details will follow soon.

### Swimming in Year 5 (every **Thursday**)

Pupils will attend lessons during school time every Thursday. They will need to bring their kit with them each week.

- GIRLS - a one-piece swimming costume, a cap, a towel, goggles (optional)
- BOYS - swimming trunks (no longer than knee length), a towel, a cap (optional), goggles (optional).

Swimming is a National Curriculum requirement which means that all children need to attend each week. If a child cannot attend a lesson, school does require a medical letter from your GP. We are always here to support any child who may be feeling nervous or anxious so please have a chat with us if you have any concerns.



### Useful websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - Great for Maths

Sumdog- Great for Maths. Children should know their logins

Duo-Lingo- Great for French. You can register for an account at home.