



Curriculum News

Year 5: Autumn 1

English

This half term, our class text is 'The House with Chicken Legs'. It is a beautifully imaginative story that will spark lots of discussion and creativity in our lessons.

In **Reading**, we will be delving into the text in detail. Pupils will practise retrieving key information to ensure they fully understand the story, as well as developing their inference skills by exploring what the characters might be thinking or feeling and predicting their future actions. We will also be looking closely at the author's choice of vocabulary and language, encouraging pupils to explain how these choices help create mood, atmosphere and meaning.

In **Writing**, the children will use the text as inspiration to create their own vivid setting descriptions. They will be writing in a way that is detailed, descriptive and cohesive - bringing their imagined places to life for the reader.



Maths

This term in Maths, Year 5 will be learning to read, write and compare numbers up to 1,000,000, round to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000, 100,000 and 1,000,000, count in powers of 10, and read Roman numerals up to 1,000.

They will also be practising formal written methods for addition and subtraction with numbers over four digits, adding and subtracting mentally with larger numbers, and using rounding to check answers.

In multiplication and division, children will identify multiples and factors, including common factors.

In fractions, they will recognise and write equivalent fractions (including tenths and hundredths), understand thousandths and their link to decimals, read and write decimals as fractions, and begin adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

Curriculum Overview

Our brand-new topic poses the exciting historical question: "Who caused more conflict - the Saxons or the Vikings?" Through this unit, the children will develop their skills in using timelines to compare and contrast key periods in British history, focusing on the Scots, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They will also explore what daily life was like in these times and reflect on how it differs from life today. As part of this learning journey, the children will discover how the Anglo-Saxon era brought about significant changes in Britain, including transformations in religion, law and order.

In Design Technology, the children will be putting their creativity and engineering skills to the test by designing and building their own automated longboats. In PSHE, our theme will be "Being Me in My World", encouraging children to reflect on identity, belonging and their place within the community.

In Science, we will be investigating properties and changes of materials, exploring fascinating processes such as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. Meanwhile, in Computing, the children will learn how to share information effectively and responsibly, developing skills that will support their digital literacy.





Oak Academy [Free KS2 Teaching Resources for Lesson Planning | Oak National Academy](#)

A free online classroom created to support children's learning at home and in school. It offers high-quality video lessons, quizzes and resources across a wide range of subjects.

Bitesize KS2 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

A free online learning platform with lessons, videos, games and quizzes across all subjects. It's designed to support children's learning in a fun and engaging way and is closely linked to the national curriculum.

Crickweb [Crickweb | Key Stage 2](#)

A free website full of interactive games and activities for different subjects. It's designed to make learning fun and is great for practising key skills in English, maths and other curriculum areas.

National Geographic [National Geographic Kids | National Geographic Kids](#)

A free website packed with fascinating facts, videos, games and quizzes about animals, science, history and geography. It's a fun and engaging way for children to explore the world around them and spark their curiosity.

Reminders

PE Days 5B: Tuesday & Thursday

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Reading - Year 5 will have the opportunity to change their class library book each week. They should be bringing the chosen book home every night to read. They will be expected to update Boom Reader once a week based on what they have read that week.

Mathletics - Homework is set to consolidate your child's learning from the week. Please ensure your child spends 20 minutes to complete the tasks.

Times tables - By the end of Year 5 all children should know their times tables up to 12. Please ensure your child practises for 10 minutes each day.

