



Year 5 Curriculum

Spring Term 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Spring Term in Year 5. The children have all settled into Year 5 and are embracing the challenges of the new curriculum. We have yet another exciting term ahead of us with lots of wonderful things planned.

History

This term we will be learning about the Vikings. We will be exploring the question: Would the Vikings do anything for money?

In this unit, the children will learn about the Vikings, and consider the reasons why they raided and then settled in Britain. They will investigate the popular view of the Vikings as raiders, ruthless in their ways of obtaining wealth. They will study primary sources of evidence, such as accounts by monks of the raid on Lindisfarne, as well as archaeological finds, to understand why this interpretation of the Vikings has become so popular. They will examine King Alfred's struggle and victory over the Vikings, linking back to their previous unit on The Anglo-Saxons.

Writing

We will be consolidating our use of the 5 step writing process this term.

Step 1: Pre-Learning and Hook - getting the children interested and engaged.

Step 2: Planning

Step 3: Drafting and crafting

Step 4: Feedback and editing

Step 5: Publishing

The children have really grasped this teaching structure and have produced some fantastic pieces of writing as a result. We will explore more fiction texts this term with a big focus on creating descriptive stories, using speech marks and ensuring we are using adventurous vocabulary. Once the children have a solid understanding of our new Viking history topic we will then begin to do some non-fiction writing for them to showcase their historical knowledge.



Reading

Please can you remind your child that it is their responsibility to change their reading books. Leveled reading books are in baskets in their reading area and if they are a free reader they are able to choose their own book from their class library. We ask that children read at home at least 3 times a week to support the development of reading.

Maths

In maths this year we will be focusing on fractions. We will build on Year 4 concepts by finding equivalent fractions, multiplying fractions by whole numbers and by other fractions. We will also find fractions of amounts. From there we will move on to percentages and decimals and explore the relationships between the concepts. This is a key stepping stone which will be further developed in Year 6.

Science

This term we will learn how to classify and group everyday materials based on their properties such as their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity and response to magnets. We will learn that some materials will dissolve into liquids to form a solution; the properties of glasses, liquids and solids.

We will then move onto learning about changes in materials. This topic explores concepts such as describing how to recover a substance from a solution, demonstrating that dissolving, mixing and changes of states are reversible changes.

PE and Music

PE and Music will be taught on Thursday afternoons by our PE coach, Mrs Coleman, and a visiting music teacher who will be teaching children to play the guitar. The children need to come to school in their PE kit every Thursday. Please make sure your child wears trainers or other shoes suitable for playing sports. Children may wear tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a sweatshirt.

We will also begin swimming lessons in the second part of the Spring term. You will receive a letter as the time approaches with further details. The dates for the swimming sessions are all on a Friday, the dates are: February 24th; March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 30th. Children should wear school uniform on these days.

ICT and French

will also continue to teach the words for nouns and verbs, as well as greetings and simple conversation. The children will begin to build on what they learnt during the Autumn term.

Spelling and Vocabulary

We have a set of 20 words that will be a daily focus over 2 weeks. We learn about spelling rules, use our phonics and letter knowledge to help us break words into sounds and syllables and learn the

words' meanings. The children take part in a Spelling Bee during the last two weeks of a half term. These words will be sent home for you to practice.

Art and DT

Friday afternoon will be dedicated to Art to allow the children time to relax. William Morris will be the subject of our art lessons and over the term children will create their own print. In DT, children will have a go at making Viking bread.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform; if you have any issues please contact your class teacher who will be happy to support. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the changeable weather.



Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly on a Wednesday and be expected back the following Monday. Each week, as part of their homework, children will be expected to read at home at least 3 times a week and practice their times tables at least 3 times a week. All children will have a log in to TTRockstars which can be used for times tables practice at home.

Contact

If you wish to contact your child's class teacher please use this email: year5@leightonprimary.net, message them directly on Class Dojo or in the case of an emergency contact the school office: 01733 232949.

Dates for your diary (all subject to change) - More details about these events will follow via emails and letters.

Winter Games Week- WB 23rd January

Professional Day - 10th February

Half Term - WB 13th February

World Book Day - 30th February

Swimming: 24.02.23, 3.3.23, 10.3.23, 17.3.23, 24.3.23, 30.3.23