



# Year 5 Autumn 2 Newsletter



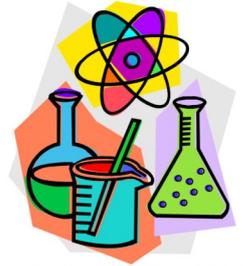
## A Great First Half Term!

We all really enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings during our Raiders and Invaders topic last half term. Thank you to all of the hard work that went into the homework which was brought into school! We are especially proud of our art and design work



## Topic Work—Investigating Materials

For this half term, Year 5 are becoming scientists to investigate materials. This will involve learning about the properties of different materials. We will also be investigating reversible and irreversible changes and how new materials can be made. Finally, we will explore how materials mix to cause chemical reactions.



## English

Our focus novel for this half term is Kensuke's Kingdom. Whilst reading the story, we are going to write newspaper reports about some of the events. We will also be writing our own stories inspired by the novel and Michael Morpurgo's use of language.

## Geography

In Geography, we are going to build on our knowledge of locating continents, countries and oceans across the world. We are going to make links to our materials topic by thinking about natural resources and how they are used around the world.

## Maths

This half term we will be focusing on statistics, multiplication and division, perimeter and area. We will be learning:



- Read and interpret line graphs and tables
- Multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Recognise and use square and cube numbers.
- Explore multiples and factors.
- Prime numbers
- Measure the perimeter of shapes
- Measure the area of shapes

## Art

This half term, we are going to develop our sketching skills working on texture and tone. Also, we will be using a range of different materials and paint to create our own print pictures.

## RE

Through our RE lessons, the children will be exploring the themes of Christmas with a focus on 'giving'.



## Music

Every week, on a Thursday afternoon, we will have a visitor from the music service in our class to teach us some new skills in music.

## PSHE

Our focus question for PSHE is 'How can we manage our money?' We will be exploring how to be a critical customer, risks involved with money and ways to budget our money.



A new grid linked to our topics has been sent home. Homework is due **every Thursday** and will be shared with the class as part of our routine that morning. There is no guarantee that we will have time to share homework on a Friday, therefore please encourage your child to complete their homework on time. Some worksheets have been sent out with the homework sheet and there is an option on the menu for your child to complete these as their homework task.

## Spellings and Times Tables!

Spelling and times tables tests will continue to be completed on a **Friday**. Spelling lists and tables will be **sent home every Monday** and tested on a Friday. It is important that the children learn their spellings and tables on a weekly basis as they are key expectations for Year 5.



## PE and Forest Schools

PE lessons continue to take place on alternate Tuesdays with Forest Schools. This half term, we also have a netball coach delivering a PE lesson every **Wednesday**. The Forest Schools groups will continue on Tuesdays so please ensure that your child has waterproof shoes and a thick coat with the weather becoming colder.

## Class Assembly—Change of Date!

Our class assembly is this half term and will take place on Thursday 5th December at 2.30pm. **There has been a change of date due to the Robin Wood trip** and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We are looking forward to seeing you to celebrate in your child's hard work this term.