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Welcome message from the Year 5 Team 2025/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer and are feeling as excited as we are for this new chapter. The Year 5 team is ready and waiting to ensure that the school year ahead is filled with creativity, intrigue and many new challenges for the children to tackle and learn from. Year 5 is an exciting year for the children and we look forward to building their independence and resilience as they begin upper key stage two and become exemplary role models for their peers and the school.

On Thursday 18th September we will be opening our doors at the end of the day for you to visit the classroom and meet our team.

Term 1 Learning

This term, our students are diving into a fascinating range of subjects! In English, both classes will start with an exploration of the epic story of Beowulf, igniting their imaginations with ancient tales. In maths, pupils will be strengthening their key skills linked to place value including revisiting rounding, addition, subtraction and identifying numbers up to 6 digits. In science, Year 5 will be learning about life cycles and reproduction in plants and mammals, gaining insights into the natural world. To top it off, classes will explore the intriguing history of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, bringing history to life in engaging and hands - on ways. It's shaping up to be a term full of exciting discoveries!

English

To start off the term, we will be looking at the Anglo - Saxon legend of Beowulf to inspire our own narratives.

Later in the Term, we will be looking at Norse mythology linked to our Vikings topic.



Maths

We will begin the year by focusing on place value where we will learn to represent and round numbers up to 1,000,000 before moving onto addition and subtraction.

Millions	Hundred Thousands	Ten Thousands	Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones

Science

In science this term, we will be exploring the natural world - looking at life cycles, reproduction and the work of famous naturalists.



History

In History we will be working as archaeologists to discover the mysteries of the Anglo - Saxons, looking at artefacts such as the Sutton Hoo ship to make inferences about how they lived.

Later in term we will explore the vikings, and how they grew to become a threat to the Saxons.



Computing

In computing this term, Year 5 will be investigating how to navigate computer systems and searching. Our learning will also cover internet safety. This will include learning about keeping ourselves safe on the internet but also about using the internet safely and understanding how to do research safely online.



DT

This term we will be using our DT skills to design and create stuffed toys. We will be learning different types of stitches to add decorations to fabric and put together various components into a finished product.



RE

In R.E this term, we will learn about the Sikh religion and investigate whether we believe their stories are still important today.



PE

In PE this term, we will be doing tag rugby with Ignite Sport and hockey with the class teacher.



Music

This term our music will be inspired by the vicious vikings!



PSHE

Our Jigsaw piece this term is 'Being Me In My World'. We will be learning about ourselves as individuals, as well as how we fit into our wider community.



Home Learning:

Home learning continues to be an important way of supporting your children's progress and we would like to thank you for your continued support – it makes a huge difference and has a positive impact on your child's learning. If you have any questions regarding home learning, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to help!

Homework will be set every Friday and needs to be handed in on a Wednesday.

Reading: We encourage children to read on a daily basis, whether this is the school reading book or a book of their choice, recording this in their reading record at least 3 times a week.

PE: Both classes have PE on a Monday, please bring your PE kit into school.
Pine Class will also have PE on a Friday and should wear their PE kit to school.

Children are expected to have an appropriate PE kit, including:

- A purple school PE t-shirt or plain purple t-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings, or joggers
- Trainers and/or daps

Forest School: Rowan Class (5B) have Forest School on Fridays, please wear the appropriate forest school kit into school.

For these sessions, it is important that children are dressed in weather-appropriate clothing to remain safe. Each child must have the following items available for each session:

- Long sleeved t-shirt
- Long trousers
- Wellington boots
- Spare pair of socks
- Waterproof trousers and coats
- A hats and pair of gloves (winter months)

Please, do not hesitate to come to us with any questions or queries throughout the year!

Many thanks,

Class teacher names

Mr Howells (5A / Pine) and Miss Perkins (5B / Rowan)