



RHODES AVENUE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 5

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Curriculum News letter

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Introduction

Firstly, welcome back to the new school year and to Year 5. The children have settled in really well and seem energised and excited about the new school year. Below you will find information relating to the curriculum and the activities that we have planned for the children in the coming term. We hope you find it beneficial.

In **English**, we will start looking at narrative writing based around our topic. We focus our literacy using key texts (How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell) which enables us to explore a variety text types; including diary; description; poetry; newspaper and traditional story writing. Reading and listening to stories is very important, it offers the children a rich and varied vocabulary to support their writing development and fosters a life long love of literacy. Our Grammar focus is linked to the narrative writing and will include; word classes; varied punctuation; sentence structure using main and subordinate clauses (relative and modal clauses)

Whole Class Reading (Big Read)

During the course of the year we will be reading a variety of novels as a whole class. These sessions will focus on helping the children to fully understand, evaluate and enjoy what they read.

In **Maths** we will be using the new curriculum and focussing on the four main areas of maths; place value; the four operations; shape and space and data handling. It is paramount that the children know their times tables up to 12 x 12 and their corresponding division facts as these are integral to all aspects of this subject.

In Year 5 the children will initially be taught in classes. However, this may change to a grouping pending on children's needs. (This will work in a similar way to the usual groupings that have run successfully for many years in upper juniors. These groupings are not fixed and children's progress will be reviewed regularly.) This is to support the children in their leaning in the most effective way.

In **Science** for the first half term our topic is Earth, Sun and Moon. As part of this topic we will explore seasons and night and day.

This term, our topic is '**Anglo-Saxons and Vikings**'.

As part of this topic we will include work relating to the geography and history of this period of British history. Our topic lessons will encompass geographical, historical, musical, scientific, artistic and ICT skills. Our French lessons will also be linked to our topic. We will look at Anglo Saxon life the impact of the invasion of the Vikings. From looking at artefacts, the children will be able to gain an insight into life long ago.

If you have any books or resources which we can use in lessons please do get in touch

In **PE** our focus for this half term will be gymnastics and skills based learning. It is essential that children have their PE kits in school everyday. This includes a Rhodes Avenue T-shirt (available from the school office), shorts, jogging bottoms, warm top and appropriate footwear. Children will be asked to remove or cover earrings before taking part in their PE session.

Please note that **PE** will be on **Wednesday** and **either Tuesday or Friday**.

Homework

Our homework policy is being updated at the moment and will be launched by Mr Hall in a few weeks.

In Year 5, children will be expected to read daily for 10-15 min. Please sign the reading record at least once a week.

Children will learn spelling rules and patterns and practise during and times tables on a weekly basis at school. Your child will be given a log in to Time Table Rockstars (trockstars.com) which they can use to practice their timetables regularly at home.

Over the year, there will be a range of projects. We expect all children to complete at least three of these. More information will be available on the website in the next couple of weeks.

On the website, there will be a weekly table showing what our focus will be for the week including Maths, English, the spelling pattern we are working on and grammar focus.

Important Autumn term dates for your diaries:

Half term	Monday 22 nd October- Friday 26 th October
Trip to the British Museum	Tuesday 18 th September
5CN's class assembly	Friday 5 th October 9:10am
5ST's class assembly	Friday 12 th October 9:10am
5AJ's class assembly	Friday 19 th October 9.10am
Parents' evenings	Wednesday 14 th and Thursday 15 th November

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Educational Visits

Educational visits are an important aspect of the Rhodes Avenue Curriculum. School visits and trips provide the opportunity to enrich learning outside of the classroom and inspire learning back at school. We aim to take the children on as many school trips as possible however we recognise this can become costly.

We have decided this year to set a maximum limit on the amount we ask you to pay for trips over the whole year to £30 (excluding Pendarren). The school will make every effort to keep the cost of the educational visits to a minimal by using pupil transport or by visiting free exhibitions.

Healthy Schools

As part of school policy and our commitment to being a Healthy School please ensure that you child's playtime snack is fresh fruit and/or vegetables. Water will always be available during the school day however we are happy for you to bring into school a bottle of water clearly labelled.

If you have any questions or queries, please do remember we are always here to help. Please speak to a member of the team to arrange a mutually convenient time.

We are looking forward to working with you,
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