



Year 5

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2018

Welcome to Year 5! We have had a fantastic week meeting your children and the learning has already begun in earnest. Outlined over these pages are the main objectives that will be covered during the Autumn term. We look forward to meeting you over the next few weeks.

Mrs Randall, Mrs Shiraz and Mrs Kirk

English

This term we will be delivering our English lessons based around different texts linked to our topic.

The main texts will be:

- **King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table**
- **Beowulf**

We will also be doing some work based around our planned trip to Ufton Court.

The children will take part in a variety of speaking and listening activities as well as participating in drama and role play.

They will produce a variety of text types with a main focus on Legends and Sagas, Kennings and Riddles.

Reading is incredibly important at Carrington and will be a focus across all areas of the curriculum. Following the Big Cat reading scheme, all the children will have a reading book which they will be expected to read at home at least three times a week.

Grammar, punctuation and spelling will be taught both through the texts and in separate skills lessons.

Maths

This year, Maths will be taught in blocks. The blocks that will be covered during the Autumn term are:

- **Place Value**
- **Addition and Subtraction**
- **Multiplication and Division**
- **Statistics**

During each of these the children will be how to be fluent in their calculations in addition to learning how to reason and problem solve.

Topic

This term our topic is called **Behaviour from Scandinavia**. It will be cross-curricular sessions that include History, Geography, Design and Technology and Art and Design.

Throughout Year 5, the children will be taught how to play brass instruments by a music specialist but composition links will be made to each of the topics.

Focuses for this term will be:

- Learning about who the Angles, Jutes and Saxons were, where they came from and why they came to England.
- Studying aspects of their daily life such as village life, clothing and religion including the archaeological finds at Sutton Hoo.
- Researching the Saxon Army, famous Saxon leaders and famous Saxon stories.
- Learning about reasons and methods of Viking invasion, Viking longships and the invasion of Lindesfarne.
- Researching, designing and making aspects of an Anglo-Saxon Feast.
- Researching, designing and making a traditional Anglo-Saxon woven textile.
- Researching and building miniature versions of Anglo-Saxon and Scandinavian houses.

Science

This term we will be covering two topics, All Living Things and Earth and Space.

This will include working scientifically by:

- Planning different types of enquiry to answer questions.
- Taking accurate measurements and repeat them if needed.
- Recording increasingly complex data in various ways.
- Using results to make predictions and suggest further tests
- Presenting findings orally and in writing.
- Identifying scientific evidence for or against an idea.

Organisation

- Homework will be given out on a Thursday and taken in on a Monday.
- Spellings will be given out and tested on a Thursday.
- The children will have a planner to record their reading and homework in - no separate reading record this year.
- 5S have indoor PE on a Monday morning and 5C on a Tuesday morning. Both classes have outdoor PE on a Wednesday afternoon.
- Year 5 will be leading a Harvest Festival celebration on Friday 19th October at 2.45pm, we would love to see you there.
- A date of Tuesday 6th November has been set for our first school trip of the year. This will be a hands-on, topic based trip to Upton Court near Reading. More details will be sent out shortly.

Things to try at home

- Visit the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.
- Visit the British Museum in London.
- Visiting the Science museum in London.
- Visiting the Natural History Museum at Tring.
- Research Anglo-Saxon crime and punishment then create a Wanted Poster, which includes a description of the criminal, states what crime has been committed and what the punishment is.
- Create your own Sutton Hoo helmet/mask using whatever materials you have. You could use cardboard or paper mache for example. You could also decorate it using tin foil or buttons. Look at the one found at Sutton Hoo for an example. (It can be any size).