

Year 5 Newsletter

September





Welcome to our Autumn Term newsletter

This term our enquiry question is 'Who made Britain Great?'. As part of this enquiry, we are going to be learning all about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain and how the Vikings invaded to continue to shape the history of Britain. We are going to be using our visit to Mansfield Museum as our hook for our Enquiry and use the knowledge we gain from the visit to help us with our English work.

In Science, we are going to be learning about 'Forces'. We will be doing experiments and research in this area. We will also be learning more about famous scientists who shaped their fields.

Reading

As always at Greenwood, we will be developing the children's positive attitudes to reading. We will be reading a wide range of texts in our reading lessons and enjoying listening to our class reading texts too.

Our spotlight authors this term are Tom Palmer (D-Day Dog) and Tony Bradman (Attack of the Vikings)

The children will be responsible for changing their own reading book this year and we will have regular time in our new library for the children to swap their books.

To help your child, you can read with them at home during the week and record this in their reading diary. If there any words that they are unsure of, please help them look up the meaning in a dictionary..

English

We will be revisiting and building on the children's knowledge of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

We will also be writing diary entries from the point of view of an Anglo-Saxon child, retelling the narrative of Beowulf (an Anglo-Saxon folk tale) and producing news reports on the attack of Lindisfarne Priory.

To help your child at home, you can encourage them to join their handwriting and practise with them. We have introduced a new handwriting scheme which we practise regularly in school time. If you require any books to practise in, please let us know.

Maths

This Autumn term, we are focusing on building children's confidence and skills in key areas of Maths.

Our aim is for our children to strengthen their understanding of number concepts, including addition, subtraction, and multiplication, while also building on their knowledge of fractions.

By the end of the term, we hope each child will have a solid foundation to apply problem-solving strategies independently, setting them up for success in the year ahead.

To help your child you can help them to apply Mathematical skills to real world problems such as working out change and planning how long a journey might take.

P.E. Lessons

P.E lessons for Year 5 will take place on a Friday.

Children can come to school in their PE kit on Fridays.
Please ensure your child is wearing **no jewellery** on this day and has suitable clothes for P.E. sessions e.g. plain white or blue t-shirt, blue or black shorts or joggers and outdoor trainers.
If it is cold, a sweatshirt or school PE hoodie should be worn too.

Any other information

Children need to bring their water bottle into school each day (not glass).
Please encourage your child to complete their homework, which will be set either on Purple Mash or as a hard copy on a Friday. Homework needs to be completed and submitted by the following Friday..
Please could we ask that all your child's items are named as this makes it easier to return any lost items quickly.
Please check Class Dojo regularly as we will update it will messages and reminders.



In school we support children with their mental health in many different ways for example through workshops, clubs and adult intervention. As a school we work closely with the Mental Health support team (MHST) who can offer further specialist support and guidance around mental health. If you have any worries or concerns about your child's mental health, please contact Miss Appleby either by phone or email.

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Over this academic year your child will take part in the following workshops

- Sleep Hygiene workshop
- Resilience workshop
- Wellbeing workshop

Other notes

It is crucial that children arrive at school and are ready to learn for 8.40am and are collected promptly at 3.15pm.
If you have any questions or problems, please get in touch via Dojo, school email or by ringing the school office.

Orangutans – hevans@greenwoodprimary.org.uk

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Dates for your diary

Day of Languages – Thursday 26th September