



Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action-packed Summer 1!

As a school we will be focusing on Keep Green:

Summer 1 2025

Week 1 Earth Day
Turn it Off Friday

Week 2 Watering Wednesday

Week 3 Planting!

Week 4 World Bee Day
Wear Stripes- World Bee Day

Week 5 Walk to School Week
Walk to Hackney Marshes

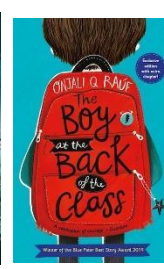
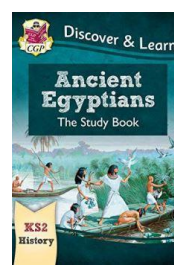
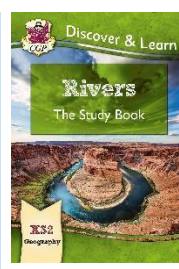
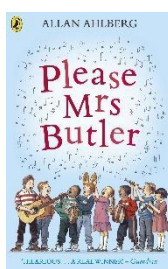
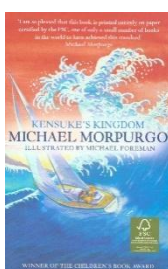
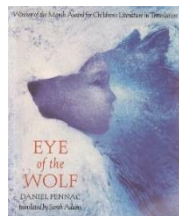
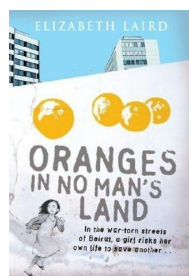
Our learning will be centred around **'The Vikings'** this half term.

Reading for Pleasure!

We have been looking at how we can enjoy reading, why we should read outside of lessons and what books we would like more of in our classes. Did you complete the reading challenge with your child? What books have they read? What did you learn about their reading and their interests?

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Reading

This half term we will be reading 'Viking Invasion' by June Crebbin as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main ideas from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of information about the Viking invasion of Britain, providing lots of information about how the Vikings went into battle!

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Retrieving information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making comparisons within and across different texts
- Recommending books to others

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. In year 5 we are also really focusing on our use of Reading Plus. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/>

Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of 'The Vikings' and the text 'Viking Invasion.' Using this text, the children will write a diary entry from the perspective of a Viking about to invade Britain. In addition, we will use this learning and our learning in history to write a poem and a non-chronological report about the Vikings and their settlements, invasions, customs and legacy.

During these units, the pupils will focus on using fronted adverbials and passive verbs.

At dawn, I woke up and saw the land in the distance.

The battle was won by the Vikings.

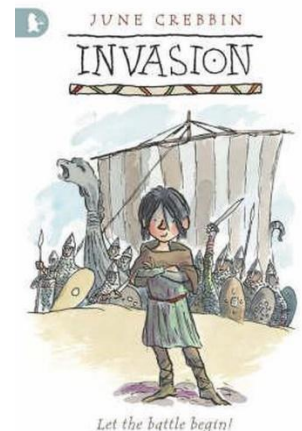
Please see the link below for further information linked to passive verbs.

[What is a passive verb? - BBC Bitesize](#)

Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:

<https://www.spellzone.com/>

Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.



Spelling

We are learning these spelling patterns this half term:

- Adding ir- to words beginning with r e.g. regular and **ir**regular
- Adding the suffix -ion e.g. confess and confession**ion**

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

Geometry- the different types of angle, how to measure angles, parallel and perpendicular lines and different types of polygons (shapes).

Position and direction- plotting coordinates on a grid, reflecting shapes and translating (moving) shapes.

[Year 5 Lines and angles - Year 5 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Angles and shape: Translation - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize](#)

History and Geography

In History, we will be learning about The Vikings and will explore Vikings invasions and settlements. The children will investigate Viking lifestyles and beliefs and will consider what made the Vikings so successful.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st April Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April Summer 1 term starts

Friday 25th April Year 5 trip to the Loop

Friday 2nd May Year 5 Assembly

Monday 5th May Bank Holiday

Monday 12th May Year 6 SAT's Week

Friday 16th May Wear Stripes for World Bee Day

Friday 23rd May end of Summer 1

Campaign



Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Safe.' We will be learning about road safety and will select Junior Road Safety Officers from our class to represent Gainsborough. We will present our ideas about road safety to the school.

Science

Our Science topic this half term will be around Life Cycles and Reproduction. We will explore the life cycles of different animal groups We will also be learning about pollination and the reproductive parts of plants.

We will develop our scientific skills by researching, recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.

The link below provides some useful information about the topics we will be studying:

[How do flowering plants reproduce? - BBC Bitesize](#)

ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Creating Media- Vector Drawing.' We will develop our understanding of how to use different drawing tools and how to use these to create images.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Relationships.' During this topic, the children will consider the positive personal qualities that they have. We will explore the positives and negatives associated with belonging to an online community and think about how to lower our screen time and stay safe online.

RE

Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'How significant is it for Christians to believe that God intended Jesus to die?' We will learn about Christian religious practices and beliefs.

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on Fitness and Athletics.

Class PE Day: **Wednesday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Wednesdays**.

Music

The children will be exploring pop ballads, in particular the song 'Make you feel my love.' The children will be developing their ability to create and write music. In addition, we will begin rehearsing for the Hackney Music Festival.

Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is 'Transport.' The children will learn how to use language linked to transport, journeys and space.

Art

This half term in art, the children will be creating Viking shields linked to their history topic.

Cooking

This half term we will be making pastries in our cooking lessons. Year 5 will make tarts.

Forest School

This half term Year 5 will be visiting Forest School every Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothes and shoes for these sessions.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

[Visit our website for dates, news and other information](#)

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