



## Year 5 Herons Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to Summer 1!  
Adults working in Year 5 this term: Mr Little, Ms Carhart, Mrs Dempsey

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

Our learning will be centred around **The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings** this half term.



Vikings



Anglo-Saxons



invade

[Vikings](#)



### Key dates for your diary:

Monday 13th April Nest Coffee Morning 9-10am

Monday 20th April Family Coach Coffee Morning 9-10am

Wednesday 22nd April Earth Day- march through Hackney  
Wick Years 1 2 4 5 6

Friday 24th April Y5 Assembly 3.15pm

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday - Gainsborough closed

Friday 15th May Y5 British Museum trip

Friday 22nd May Wear stripes for World Bee Day

Friday 22nd May Parents in Class

Friday 22nd May Gainsborough's Got Talent! 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 22nd May Last day of Summer 1

Monday 25th May Bank Holiday

Monday 1st June Summer 2 begins

Friday 17th July Last day of Summer 2

Monday 20th July INSET day all staff

### Trips and Visits



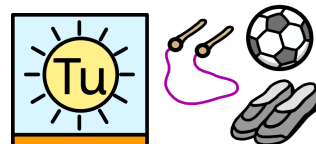
**Friday 15th May** Y5 British Museum trip

We will visit the Viking galleries and the galleries linked to Ancient Greece.

### PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Tuesday**

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



## 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/>

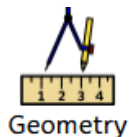
Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.



## 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](#)

## Science




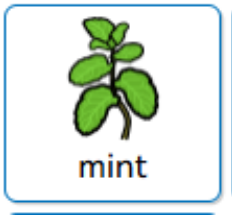
Our Science topic this half term will be '**Animals including Humans.**'

We will explore the different stages of the human life cycle and consider the developments at each stage. We will explore changes that the body goes through during puberty and the gestation periods (lengths of pregnancy) for different mammals.

We will develop our scientific skills by gathering and recording data, answering questions and drawing conclusions. The children will complete a lot of research in this unit.

The links below provide some useful information about the topics we will be studying:

[How do humans change during their lifetime? - BBC Bitesize](#)

History and Geography	Campaign
<p>In History, we will be learning about <b>The Anglo-Saxons and Vikings</b> and will explore invasions and settlements. The children will investigate Anglo-Saxon and Viking lifestyles and beliefs and will consider what made the Vikings so successful.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>settlements</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Vikings</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Anglo-Saxons</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Vikings</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Keep Green</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sustainability unit: Planting and Harvesting</b></p> <p>We are going to focus on how we can use our own produce in our community. We are going to grow mint in the community garden and learn how to prepare it for use. This will involve washing and storing the mint and creating posters to teach others how to do this. We will then use our mint in our cooking lessons!</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
<b>ICT</b>	<p><b>Creating Media</b> 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.</p>
<b>PSHE</b>	<p><b>Relationships</b> 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.</p>
<b>RE</b>	<p><b>Buddhism</b> Our focus religion this half term is Buddhism. Our key question is 'What is the best way for a Buddhist to live a good life?' We will learn about Buddhist religious practices and beliefs.</p>
<b>PE</b>	<p>PE lessons this half term will focus on Athletics. Class PE Day: <b>Tuesday</b></p>
<b>Music</b>	<p><b>Make you Feel My Love</b> We will focus on pop ballads and prepare our songs for the Hackney Music Festival.</p>
<b>Art</b>	<p><b>Sculpture</b> As part of our learning on the topic of Vikings, we will be making Viking brooches.</p>
<b>DT and Cooking</b>	<p><b>Cooking</b> As part of our cooking curriculum we will be making pastries this half term.</p>
<p><b>Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Visit our website for dates, news and other information</u></b></p>	