

Diary Dates

Music tuition starts:

Monday 11th
September

Year 5 Mass

Wednesday 7th
October

DePaul Sleep out

Friday 9th
October

HALF TERM

27th – 31st
October

INSET day

Monday 2nd
November

Class 5C

Assembly

Wednesday 25th
November

Year 5 Advent Celebration

Thursday 3rd
December

Christmas

Holiday

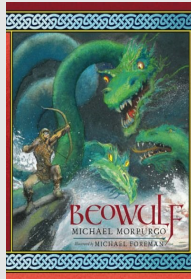
21st December -
1st January



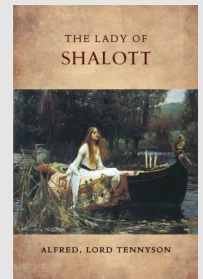
Welcome To Year 5!

Firstly, we would like to wish a very warm welcome to all of Year 5 and to parents. The year 5 team is made up of Mr Jukes, Mr Brown and Miss Ashley (Who are both excited to be joining the SEC team). As the children move to the upper key stage two, year five is an exciting time and we aim to ensure that the children will be working hard and challenging themselves to become excellent, enthusiastic and independent learners. We have got a brand-new, exciting term to look forward to, crammed with opportunities for the children to explore and embark on great adventures and discoveries, as our over-arching theme for this term is...

Myths and Legends



Using 'Beowulf' and 'The Lady of Shalott' as a starting point, the children will discover all about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.



In **RE**, we will focus on three topics this term: **Ourselves, Life Choices** and **Hope**. The children will explore the scriptures in depth and opportunity will be provided for collective and individual work on what it means to be ourselves as created in God's image, the choices we make in our lives and waiting in the joyful hope for the coming of Jesus during Advent.

In **English**, we will be studying a range of text types linked to our Viking and Anglo Saxon theme including poetry, diary entries, letter writing and information pages. The children will have a particular emphasis on sentence openers and using conjunctions. In addition to this we will follow the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) programme for year 5.

In **Mathematics**, we will be developing written calculation strategies for subtraction, addition and multiplication, including understanding place value of larger digit numbers and decimals to thousandths. We will also look at applying our knowledge of such strategies through engaging problem-solving tasks which will require the children to use reasoning skills to give their answer.

A knowledge of and an ability to recall multiplication and division facts quickly will give children a great advantage! The children can practise their multiplication and division facts using TTRockstars and MyMaths.

How you can help

- Please read with your child every day, noting the book and page numbers in the appropriate daily slot, and sign it to ensure good communication between home and school.

- Homework will be given out on **Mondays** and collected on the following Monday. Please ensure children complete their homework and practise spellings as these may be called upon during our lessons.

- It is important that your child is practising their times tables facts – please keep checking them regularly.

- If your child's collection arrangements change please could you inform us by sending in a letter with your child.

- There is a section for communicating with us in your child's organiser.

Through **Geography** and **History**, Children will be learning about the different people that lived in the time of the War and exploring how the war impacted on their daily lives, from those soldiers fighting to women and the children who were evacuated to the countryside. This will also tie in with our topic in Design and Technology, in which the children will be able to create a healthy wartime dish, based on what food was available at the time.

In **Science**, children will be investigating through a series of practical sessions on materials and forces. The children will classify materials and test for properties including solubility and thermal conductivity.

Through our forces topic the children will investigate causes of friction, air and water resistance.

Our theme continues in **Computing** (formally known as **ICT**), whereby the children will be designing, writing and debugging programs and using coding systems to create a new characters. They will also use Ipads and notebooks to carry out independent research linked to topics to create their own presentations.

We will be studying the works of Viking artists in **Art and Design**, as the children develop their creative skills through the use of various mediums such as ink, charcoal, and collage.

Our outdoor **PE** lessons for the first half term will be supported with a specialist coach who will provide additional teaching on **invasion games**, such as football. We can also look forward to learning dance inspired by our Viking topic

Year five will also continue **French with Madame Wilks**, building up a vocabulary bank and essential conversation skills through singing and other interactive media. Pupils will have an opportunity to practice their pronunciation through speaking and listening activities.