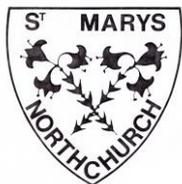


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Year 5 Curriculum Letter Spring 1st Half Term 2018-19

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the first half-term of the new year. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and that Father Christmas brought you and your children everything you asked for! Also, may I take the opportunity to wish you a happy new year, and I trust you are all sticking to your new year's resolutions!

Our whole-school theme for this term is "The World Around Us", and our faith value is "Endurance". Meanwhile, for our class topic, we will be studying the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, with particular focus on their explorations, settlements, religion, writings and way of life. Linking into this topic, our Power of Reading book this term will be a modern translation of the Anglo-Saxon epic "Beowulf" written by Michael Morpurgo, and selections from a book of Norse Myths.

Dates for your diary:

Weds 16th Jan: Parents Maths Evening, 6.30-7.30pm

Thurs 17th Jan: Bring a Bear Day (£1 donation to wear bear-themed non-uniform)

Week of 21st Jan: RE week

Thurs 31st Jan: Choir singing at O2

Weds 6th Feb: Open classrooms after school

Week of 11th Feb: Feeling Good Week for mental health & wellbeing

Thurs 14th Feb: Year 5 class assembly, 9.10am

Fri 15th Feb: Last day of the half term

Reminders:

PE kit and art shirts

Please ensure your child has a replenished pencil case for this half term, and that painting shirts and PE kits are in school at all times. As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning or about anything else, please don't hesitate to ask!

Mr Potter

An overview of learning in Year 5, Spring 1st Half Term 2019

<p>Understanding English, Communication and languages (Speaking & Listening, Reading, Writing, MfL)</p>	<p>Mathematical Understanding</p>	<p>Religious Education</p>
<p>- fiction writing based on our class text, "Beowulf" by Michael Morpurgo. - non-fiction texts, including discussion and biographical writing. - grammar, handwriting and spellings will continue to be taught in discrete sessions both with Mr Potter and with Mrs Forsyth on Fridays. - French, taught weekly by Mrs Archbold.</p>	<p>- consolidating understanding of written calculations for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using formal methods. - using and applying number and calculation knowledge to solve problems and puzzles. - understanding and calculating with fractions. - measuring length, weight, time, money and capacity, and working out fractions of these amounts. - understanding charts and graphs.</p>	<p>Our value for this half-term is Endurance. The children will be learning about the Jewish religion, including their stories, key figures and celebrations including Purim and Passover. They will explore the meanings of Jewish symbols and the tradition of Shabbat.</p>
<p>Scientific and Technological Understanding (Science, Design & Technology)</p>	<p>Historical, Geographical and Social Understanding (PSHE, History, Geography)</p>	<p>Computing</p>
<p>Our science this term will include learning about the properties of materials and how they can be changed. This will include learning about the water cycle, changes of state, and how we use different materials for different jobs depending on their properties.</p>	<p>In history and geography, we will be studying the events of the Viking invasion of Britain. We will study and compare the lives of Viking invaders to the lives of the Anglo-Saxons who lived in Britain at the time. We will study Viking money, ships, warfare and lifestyles.</p>	<p>For our computing unit this term we will be looking in depth at how software can be used to record, alter and produce sound in order to enhance a multimedia presentation.</p>
<p>Understanding physical development, health and wellbeing. (Physical Education, Personal and Economic Wellbeing)</p>	<p>Understanding the Arts (Art and Design, Music, Drama, Dance)</p>	
<p>Games will take place every Thursday afternoon with Game On. PE will be taught on Fridays by Mrs Forsyth.</p>	<p><u>Art and Design</u> Our art and design work this term will be inspired by our work in our topic. We will be creating Rune Stones and Viking Longships.</p>	<p><u>Music</u> This term the children will continue to learn the ukulele.</p>