

Y5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 1



Nether Green Junior School

Welcome to Y5

The Y5 teachers are:

- Mrs Neal
- Mrs Johnson
- Mr Lomas
- Mr Earl

Y5 PPA Cover:
Y5LN – Mrs Thorlby
Y5KL – Ms Park
Y5JE – Mrs Balcombe

The Y5 TAs are:

Mrs Welford, Mr Wright, Mrs Balcombe

Ways to support your child at home

Homework will be set each Friday and is expected to be completed the following Thursday. A description of the task will be in each child's homework book and in most cases, homework is to be completed in the homework book.

Other homework tasks will include:

- Timestable Rockstar
- Reading (reading records will be sent home)
- Spelling revision

Useful information

- PE Days
 - Y5LN – Tuesday and Wednesday
 - Y5KL – Tuesday and Wednesday
 - Y5JE – Tuesday and Thursday
- On your PE days, please make sure your child has their NGJS PE top, dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms and appropriate footwear.
- Key Dates
 - Jorvik Trip (Thursday 21st September)
 - Viking Day (Friday 13th October)

Project theme for this half term

Invaders or Settlers: How should we remember the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings?

In this history topic, the children will be learning about the Vikings and their effect on ancient and modern Britain. They will be exploring the following questions:

- What image do we have of the Vikings? Why have the Vikings gained such a bad reputation?
- How did the Vikings try to take over the country and how close did they get?
- How have recent excavations changed our view of the Vikings?
- What can we learn about Viking settlements from a study of place name endings?

Life skills

In our Life Skills work this half term, we will be focusing on; 'How can we make and maintain positive relationships?' In Y5, we shall be considering different types of families, focussing on these key questions:

Key Questions:

- 'Why do some people get married?'
- Are families ever perfect?
- Is there such a thing as a normal family?

English

We will be giving the children lots of opportunities to write a range of genres over the year. We base much of our writing around our projects as this gives the children a context for their writing and help them to produce their best.

This term the children will be learning to write:

- Recount
- A set of instructions
- Narrative

SPaG Focus: Recap all KS1 and LKS2 terminology

Every two weeks, the children will be given a new set of spellings to learn, based on a specific spelling rule, 5 words that they will be using in their project work and 5 commonly misspelt words. The spelling tests will be held on a Friday.

The children will have a dedicated reading lesson each morning from 9:00am - 9:30am. These sessions give the children the opportunity to fully develop a range of reading skills. Our class book this half term is 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman.

Maths

In our daily maths lessons this term we shall be covering the following topics:

- Place value, including decimals
- Addition and subtraction, including problems
- Multiplication and Division

Throughout all topics, concrete apparatus may be used to help the children apply their knowledge and skills.

Some Key Vocabulary:

Place Value = digit, compare, order, rounding, numerals, negative
Addition and Subtraction = difference, regrouping, exchange, inverse
Multiplication and Division = multiples, factors, prime and square numbers