

Y5 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2



Nether Green Junior School

Celebrating our first half term

Y5 made an excellent start to the year and have settled into a new year group. The children have produced some fabulous work on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We were particularly impressed by the quality of their work when writing their Viking Sagas and instructions on how to win a Viking battle as well as their deep thinking when considering our project question 'Were the Vikings raiders or settlers?' Some highlights of our project were our visit to Jorvik, our Viking Day and the children's costumes and enthusiasm! We are very proud of all the children and look forward to an equally positive second half term.

Ways to support your child at home

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

Other home learning tasks will include:

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

Useful information

Our PE days are:

- Y5LN – Monday and Friday
- Y5KL – Monday and Friday
- Y5JE – Monday and Tuesday

- Wonderdome Planetarium- Tuesday 7th November

Project theme for next half term

What is the solar system and how does it affect day and night around the world?

Our project this term is a science and geography-based project. We shall be learning about why we experience day and night and the seasons on our planet, along with the names and features of the other planets in our solar system. We will also be learning about the phases of the moon. We have also organised a visit from 'Wonderdome' (an inflatable Planetarium) to capture the children's interest and consolidate their understanding of our Solar System.

Life skills

In our RHSE work this half term, we shall be considering the following questions:

- What makes a close friend?
- Should I try and fit in with my friends?
- Should friends tell us what to do?

English

We will be giving the children plenty 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 helps them to produce their best. This half term our writing genres will include:

- Formal persuasive letters on applying for an astronaut's job with the European Space Agency
- Non-chronological reports on the International Space Station
- Narrative writing about a journey in space

Our grammar learning will cover:

- Demarcating sentences properly
- Nouns and pronouns
- Noun phrases
- Apostrophes
- Subordination and coordination

This term's spelling rules: 'able', 'ably', 'ough', root words

The children will have a dedicated reading lesson each day. This half-term we shall be reading 'The Jamie Drake Equation' by Christopher Edge.

Maths

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

- Multiplication and Division: Multiplying and Dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Fractions: Equivalent Fractions, Improper Fractions, Comparing and Ordering Fractions and Add and Subtract Fractions.

In each of these topics, the children will apply their knowledge and skills to solve problems.

We shall continue to have weekly arithmetic sessions (Basic Skills).