



Rise Park Primary and Nursery School

Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter: March 2021

Welcome back!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome all of our children back. We are so grateful for all of the support you have given your children during these past few months, and we are thrilled to now look forward to a fun-packed half term.

Curriculum

Our main topic for the half term is the Anglo-Saxons and we will be exploring this through different areas of our curriculum.

We're very much looking forward to using our Knowledge Organisers linked to our Anglo-Saxon topic. These will provide an overview of our unit and encourage the children to understand and use new vocabulary. Please make use of these at home with your child.

As historians, we will look closely at how this period fits on a historical timeline and compare it



to other historical periods we have studied previously. We look forward to learning about their lifestyle through exploration of a range of primary and secondary sources, particularly as we search for clues while looking at some real Anglo-Saxon artefacts.

As readers, we will enjoy discussing 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. It is a tale based around the Anglo-Saxon and Viking feuds. If you manage to get hold of a copy from the library, it would be helpful to bring this in! We will use this text as a link to some of our writing.

As artists, we will be making links with our Science topic from last half term, Materials, looking at developing pencil techniques to depict textures of different materials. We will then transfer these skills as we produce multimedia collages of magnified materials.

In DT, we will be learning about mechanisms, exploring how pulley systems work: please

read the "Help needed" section to the right to see how you can help us to get ready for this exciting new topic!

PE

PE day remains on a Wednesday. Children will need to come to school in their kit on this day. Suitable PE clothing includes wearing trainers, a white t-shirt and navy / black shorts or jogging bottoms. They will also need to make sure that they are not wearing earrings and that any long hair is tied back. Please make sure coats are brought in, as our PE sessions will continue to take place outside.

The Great Project

We will have several sessions with visitors from The Great Project after the Easter break. The children will gain new knowledge about healthy relationships and communication skills.

Nail Varnish

Children are not allowed to wear any nail varnish in school.

Staffing changes

Mrs Birkett has now retired; we wish her thanks for all of her support to staff and children over the years. In Costa Rica, Miss Atwal will now cover Mr Husband's on Fridays.

Help needed:

For our new DT topic this term, we need your help! Can you please save recyclable material that is either shaped like a tube (like cardboard toilet/kitchen roll holders) or items that could be used to hold a small object (a cut up egg carton would work well for this). We will collect them in school in a safe area, where they can be quarantined for a long time before they will be used.

Important dates:

Great Project workshops have been rearranged: they will now take place in the summer term this year.

Things to remember:

- ☺ The children are allowed to wear small, plain stud earrings and watches. No other jewellery is permitted in school for safety reasons.
- ☺ Please sign your child's home-school diary every week and encourage them to read at home as much as possible. Ideally, in Year 5 we would like every child to read **at least** three times each week at home for **at least** 15 minutes.

Homework

This term we will continue to give out spelling lists at the end of each week for pupils to practise over the following week. Spelling tests will take place on Fridays.

Please ensure that your child is using Times Table Rock Stars online at home to support our testing in school. The children should all have their login details written into their home school diary, but please do not hesitate to let us know if you would like a copy of these to keep at home.

Many thanks for your continued support

The Year 5 team