



# Rise Park Primary and Nursery School

## Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter 2022

### Welcome back!

We hope you all had a wonderful festive break with your families and that the children are looking forward to a fun-packed term. Yet again, the spring term brings lots of new and exciting activities for the Year 5 pupils...



### Curriculum

This term our topic is the Vikings and we will be exploring this through different areas of our curriculum.

We are very much looking forward to using our Knowledge Organisers linked to our Viking 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 periods we have studied

### 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.*

*We will also be sending out a Spring term homework project for your child to complete. Details about this will follow shortly.*

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 artefacts.

As readers, we will enjoy 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf, a story about how a group of school children show incredible empathy for the plight of a young refugee boy who joins their class. We will use this text as a link to our writing in the first half of the spring term.

As artists, we will be making links with our Science topic - 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 RE, we will look at spiritual expression and describe the impact of religious music on those who sing and play it. We will listen to varied Christian music and give

our personal reflections.

After February half-term, we will begin our creative DT Mechanisms unit. We would really appreciate it if you could please begin to save any recyclable materials at home that could be used as building materials (toilet rolls, egg boxes and cardboard boxes will be very appreciated!).

### PE

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

### Nail Varnish

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

### Staffing

*Class teachers Miss Corrall and Mr Husbands will be supported throughout the week by our TA Mrs Bell.*

*We also welcome Mrs Husbands into Year 5 on Wednesdays during the teachers' allocated PPA slot.*

### Dates for the Diary:

Feel Good Family Workshop:  
Begins 3rd February

February half-term:  
14th → 18th February

Parents Evening:  
2nd and 3rd March

Last day of the spring term:  
Friday 1st April

### Trips and Visitors:

This term, we plan to visit our local church as part of our RE unit.

We also hope to welcome 'The History Man' to Rise Park for a fun-filled day learning about the lives of Vikings.

### 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 at least three times each week, so that they achieve their bonus break-time on Friday mornings.

**Many thanks for your continued support,**

**The Year 5 team**